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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
*Washington, DC, January 3, 2021.*

Hon. CHERYL JOHNSON,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MS. JOHNSON: Pursuant to rule XI, clause 1(d), of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I herewith submit to the House a report of the activities of the Committee on Agriculture during the 116th Congress.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Hon. COLLIN C. PETERSON,  
*Chairman.*



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Mr. PETERSON, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the  
following

### R E P O R T

In accordance with rule XI, clause 1(d), of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Agriculture reports herewith on its activities during the 116th Congress.

#### I. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATION, JURISDICTION, AND OVERSIGHT PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

##### A. ORGANIZATION

The House of Representatives established the total authorized membership of the Committee on Agriculture for the 116th Congress at 47, with a party division of 26 Democrats and 21 Republicans. The membership increased to 48 by the end of the 116th Congress, with 26 Democrats and 22 Republicans. Among the Committee Members were 15 Representatives who were serving their first terms on the Committee.

The Committee organized on February 7, 2019, into six Subcommittees. The six Subcommittees were constituted as follows:

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

(Ratio includes *ex officio* Members.)

(Collin C. Peterson, Chairman, and K. Michael Conaway, Ranking Minority Member, are *ex officio* Members of all Subcommittees.)

SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL FARM COMMODITIES AND RISK MANAGEMENT  
(RATIO 7–6 (TOTAL 13))

FILEMON VELA, Texas, *Chairman*

ANGIE CRAIG, Minnesota	GLENN THOMPSON, Pennsylvania, <i>Ranking</i>
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XOCHITL TORRES SMALL,✚ New Mexico	RALPH LEE ABRAHAM, Louisiana

**Jurisdiction:** Policies, statutes, and markets relating to commodities including barley, cotton, cottonseed, corn, grain sorghum, honey, mohair, oats, other oilseeds, peanuts, pulse crops, rice, soybeans, sugar, wheat, and wool; the Commodity Credit Corporation; risk management policies and statutes, including Federal Crop Insurance; producer data and privacy issues.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMODITY EXCHANGES, ENERGY, AND CREDIT  
(RATIO 11–10 (TOTAL 21))

DAVID SCOTT, Georgia, *Chairman*

JEFFERSON VAN DREW,✚ New Jersey	AUSTIN SCOTT, Georgia, <i>Ranking Minority</i>
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ANN KIRKPATRICK, Arizona	DUSTY JOHNSON, South Dakota
CYNTHIA AXNE, Iowa	JAMES R. BAIRD, Indiana
	TROY BALDERSON,✚ Ohio

**Jurisdiction:** Policies, statutes, and markets relating to commodity exchanges; agricultural credit; rural development; energy; rural electrification.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY  
(RATIO 6–6 (TOTAL 12))

ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER, Virginia, *Chair*

MARCIA L. FUDGE, Ohio	DOUG LAMALFA, California, <i>Ranking</i>
TOM O'HALLERAN, Arizona	<i>Minority Member</i>
CHELLIE PINGREE, Maine	RICK W. ALLEN, Georgia
CYNTHIA AXNE, Iowa	RALPH LEE ABRAHAM, Louisiana
	TRENT KELLY, Mississippi
	TROY BALDERSON,✚ Ohio

**Jurisdiction:** Policies and statutes relating to resource conservation, forestry, and all forests under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NUTRITION, OVERSIGHT, AND DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS  
(RATIO 9–7 (TOTAL 16))

MARCIA L. FUDGE, Ohio, *Chair*

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	CHRIS JACOBS,☆ New York

**Jurisdiction:** Policies and statutes relating to nutrition, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and domestic commodity distribution and consumer initiatives.



SUBCOMMITTEE ON BIOTECHNOLOGY, HORTICULTURE, AND RESEARCH  
(RATIO 13–10 (TOTAL 23))

STACEY E. PLASKETT, Virgin Islands, *Chair*

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**Jurisdiction:** Policies, statutes, and markets relating to horticulture, including fruits, vegetables, nuts, and ornamentals; bees; and organic agriculture; policies and statutes relating to marketing and promotion orders; pest and disease management; bioterrorism; adulteration and quarantine matters; research, education, and extension; and biotechnology.

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON LIVESTOCK AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURE  
(RATIO 12–10 (TOTAL 22))

JIM COSTA, California, *Chairman*

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CHERI BUSTOS, Illinois	DON BACON, Nebraska
JIMMY PANETTA, California	JIM HAGEDORN, Minnesota
	JAMES R. BAIRD,✧ Indiana

**Jurisdiction:** Policies, statutes, and markets relating to all livestock, poultry, dairy, and seafood, including all products thereof; the inspection, marketing, and promotion of such commodities and products; aquaculture; animal welfare; grazing; foreign agricultural assistance and trade promotion.

**Section Notes**

- † Resigned as a Member of the House Democratic Caucus on January 7, 2020.
- ✧ Appointed to Subcommittee March 5, 2020.
- ⊕ Appointed to Subcommittee July 30, 2020.
- ✧ Resigned from Subcommittee July 21, 2020.
- ☆ Appointed to Subcommittee July 21, 2020.
- ⊕ Resigned from Committee July 21, 2020.

## B. COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

Under Rules adopted by the House of Representatives for the 116th Congress, the Committee on Agriculture's (hereinafter also referred to as Committee) jurisdiction (See Rule X, clause 1 of the Rules of the House of Representatives) extended to—

- (1) Adulteration of seeds, insect pests, and protection of birds and animals in forest reserves.
- (2) Agriculture generally.
- (3) Agricultural and industrial chemistry.
- (4) Agricultural colleges and experiment stations.
- (5) Agricultural economics and research.
- (6) Agricultural education extension services.
- (7) Agricultural production and marketing and stabilization of prices of agricultural products, and commodities (not including distribution outside of the United States).
- (8) Animal industry and diseases of animals.
- (9) Commodity exchanges.
- (10) Crop insurance and soil conservation.
- (11) Dairy industry.
- (12) Entomology and plant quarantine.
- (13) Extension of farm credit and farm security.
- (14) Inspection of livestock, poultry, meat products, and seafood and seafood products.
- (15) Forestry in general, and forest reserves other than those created from the public domain.
- (16) Human nutrition and home economics.
- (17) Plant industry, soils, and agricultural engineering.
- (18) Rural electrification.
- (19) Rural development.
- (20) Water conservation related to activities of the Department of Agriculture.

The revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the 116th Congress (House Document No. 114–192) provides the following concerning the Committee on Agriculture:<sup>1</sup>

“This Committee was established in 1820 (IV, 4149). In 1880 the subject of forestry was added to its jurisdiction, and the Committee was conferred authority to receive estimates of and to report appropriations (IV, 4149). However, on July 1, 1920, authority to report appropriations for the U.S. Department of Agriculture was transferred to the Committee on Appropriations (VII, 1860).

The basic form of the present jurisdictional statement was made effective January 2, 1947, as a part of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 812). Subparagraph (7) was altered by the 93d Congress, effective January 3, 1975, to in-

<sup>1</sup>References are to the volume and section of *Hinds'* (volumes I–V, e.g., IV, 500) and Cannon's (volumes VI–VIII, e.g., VI, 400) *Precedents of the House of Representatives*, and to the *Congressional Record* by date and page (e.g., January 3, 1953, p. 500).

clude jurisdiction over agricultural commodities (including the Commodity Credit Corporation) while transferring jurisdiction over foreign distribution and nondomestic production of commodities to the Committee on International Relations (H. Res. 988, 93d Cong., Oct. 8, 1974, p. 34470). Nevertheless, the Committee has retained a limited jurisdiction over measures to release CCC stocks for such foreign distribution (Sept. 14, 1989, p. 20428). Previously unstated jurisdictions over commodities exchanges and rural development were codified effective January 3, 1975.

The 104th Congress consolidated the Committee's jurisdiction over inspection of livestock and meat products to include inspection of poultry, seafood, and seafood products, and added subparagraph (20) relating to water conservation (sec. 202(a), H. Res. 6, Jan. 4, 1995, p.464). Clerical and stylistic changes were effected when the House recodified its rules in the 106th Congress (H. Res. 5, Jan. 6, 1999, p. 47).

The Committee has had jurisdiction of bills for establishing and regulating the Department of Agriculture (IV, 4150), for inspection of livestock and meat products, regulation of animal industry, diseases of animals (IV, 4154; VII, 1862), adulteration of seeds, insect pests, protection of birds and animals in forest reserves (IV, 4157; VII, 1870), the improvement of the breed of horses, even with the cavalry service in view (IV, 4158; VII, 1865), and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, amending Horse Protection Act to prevent the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, or receiving of horses to be slaughtered for human consumption (July 13, 2006, p. 14304).

The Committee, having charge of the general subject of forestry, has reported bills relating to timber, and forest reserves other than those created from the public domain (IV, 4160). The Committee on Natural Resources, and not this Committee, has jurisdiction over a bill to convey land that is part of a National Forest created from the public domain (March 23, 2004, p. 4926). It has also exercised jurisdiction of bills relating to agricultural colleges and experiment stations (IV, 4152), incorporation of agricultural societies (IV, 4159), and establishment of a highway commission (IV, 4153), to discourage fictitious and gambling transactions in farm products (IV, 4161; VII, 1861), to regulate the transportation, sale and handling of dogs and cats intended for use in research and the licensing of animal research facilities (July 29, 1965, p. 18691); and to designate an agricultural research center (May 14, 1995, p.11070). The Committee shares with the Committee on the Judiciary jurisdiction over a bill comprehensively amending the Immigration and Nationality Act and including food stamp eligibility requirements for aliens (Sept. 19, 1995, p. 25533).

The House referred the President's message dealing with the refinancing of farm-mortgage indebtedness to the Committee, thus conferring jurisdiction (April 4, 1933, p. 1209).

The Committee has jurisdiction over a bill relating solely to executive level position in the Department of Agriculture (Mar. 2, 1976, p. 4958) and has jurisdiction over bills to develop land

and water conservation programs on private and non-Federal lands (June 7, 1976, p. 16768)."

Some of the specific areas in which the Committee on Agriculture exercises its jurisdiction or that have been created for the Committee by historical reference include:

- (1) Public Law 480, Eighty-third Congress, the restoration, expansion, and development of foreign markets for United States agricultural products; and the effect of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (and the North American Free Trade Agreement), bilateral free trade agreements, the European Community, and other regional economic agreements and commodity marketing and pricing systems on United States agriculture.
- (2) All matters relating to the establishment and development of an effective Foreign Agricultural Service.
- (3) Matters relating to rural development, including rural telephone companies, farm credit banks, farm rural housing loans, rural water supply, rural flood control and water pollution control programs, and loans for rural firehouses, community facilities, and businesses.
- (4) Production and use of energy from agricultural and forestry resources.
- (5) Matters relating to the development, use, and administration of the National Forests, including, but not limited to, development of a sound program for general public use of the National Forests consistent with watershed protection and sustained-yield timber management, study of the forest fire prevention and control policies and activities of the Forest Service and their relation to coordinated activities of other Federal, State, and private agencies; Forest Service land exchanges; and wilderness and similar use designations applied to National Forest land.
- (6) Price spreads of agricultural commodities between producers and consumers.
- (7) The formulation and development of improved programs for agricultural commodities; matters relating to the inspection, grading, and marketing of such commodities, including seafood; and food safety generally.
- (8) Matters relating to trading in futures contracts for all commodities and similar instruments, including commodity options and commodity leverage contracts.
- (9) The administration and operation of agricultural programs through State and county committees and the administrative policies and procedures relating to the selection, election, and operation of such committees.
- (10) The administration and development of small watershed programs under Public Law 566, Eighty-third Congress, as amended, and the development of resource conservation and development programs for rural areas.
- (13) Programs of food assistance or distribution supported in whole or in part by funds of the Department of Agriculture,

including but not limited to the food stamp program and the commodity distribution program.

- (12) Aquaculture programs of the Department of Agriculture.
- (13) Sugar legislation, including import control programs that stabilize domestic prices.
- (14) All matters relating to pesticides, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act of 1972, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Amendments of 1988, and the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, including, but not limited to, the registration, marketing, and safe use of pesticides, groundwater contamination, and the coordination of the pesticide program under FIFRA with food safety programs.
- (15) Agricultural research programs, including, but not limited to, the authorization of specific research projects and agricultural biotechnology development efforts.
- (16) All matters relating to the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act.
- (17) Legislation relating to the control of the entry into the United States of temporary, nonresident aliens for employment in agricultural production.
- (18) Legislation relating to the general operations and the Organic Act of the Department of Agriculture, the Commodity Credit Corporation, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, Farm Credit System, Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, and Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- (19) Producer-funded research, promotion, and consumer and industry information programs for agricultural commodities.
- (20) Legislation regarding reclamation water projects where the pricing of water delivered by such projects is affected by whether the water will be used in the production of a crop for which an acreage reduction program is in effect.
- (21) Legislation regarding reclamation water projects for which the Secretary of Agriculture is required to make a determination regarding commodity availability prior to the determination of the price to be charged for the delivery of such project water.
- (22) Legislation establishing the level of fees charged by the Federal Government for the grazing of livestock on Federal lands.
- (23) Legislation governing the Federal regulation of transactions involving swaps contracts, hybrid financial instruments, and derivative securities and financial products.
- (24) Legislation regarding the Federal Reserve Board with respect to its authority to regulate the establishment of appropriate levels of margin on stock index futures contracts.

The Committee also reviews and studies, on a continuing basis, the current and prospective application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter

of which is within the jurisdiction of the Committee, and the organization and operation of the Federal agencies and entities having responsibilities in or for the administration and execution thereof. In addition, the Committee, along with other standing Committees of the House, has the function of reviewing and studying on a continuing basis the effect or probable effect of tax and other fiscal and monetary policies affecting subjects within their jurisdiction.

#### C. OVERSIGHT PLAN

The Committee met on February 7, 2019 to also fulfil the oversight requirements of rule X, clause 2(d)(1) of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives for the 116th Congress. This plan was prepared in consultation with the Ranking Member and was presented to the Members of the Committee, with proper notice, for their consideration.

While much of the work in the 116th Congress will focus on oversight of the implementation of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, the Committee and its Subcommittees expect to exercise appropriate oversight activity regarding the issues listed below. The Committee will also have a general focus on the condition of the farm economy and will conduct any other general oversight as necessary. The Committee will consult, as appropriate, with other committees of the House that may share subject matter interest.

The Committee expects to exercise appropriate oversight activity regarding the following issues:

##### **Biotechnology**

- Review implementation of biotechnology policies and authorities contained in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- Evaluate USDA's efforts to develop and promote benefits of biotechnology for increasing agricultural productivity and combating hunger globally;
- Review USDA's implementation of biotechnology labeling standards; and
- Review the regulatory process for gene-edited plants and animals.

##### **Commodity Exchanges**

- Review the general operations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to provide a reauthorization of the Commission;
- Review enforcement and oversight policies and their implementation by the CFTC;
- Review rulemakings, guidance, and other actions taken by the Commission and its staff for consistency and compliance with the Commodity Exchange Act and Congressional intent;
- Review the impact of the 2013 lapse in authorization and the lapse in Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations on CFTC enforcement, oversight, and market surveillance functions;
- Review the impact of emerging financial technologies on commodity and derivatives markets, and examine the authority of the Commission to deter fraud and manipulation, promote

market integrity, and protect investors in virtual commodity derivatives and at organized virtual commodity trading platforms; and

- Review international treatment of the U.S. derivatives industry, including market participants and infrastructure.

### **Conservation and Forestry**

- Review USDA's implementation of the conservation policies and authorities contained in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- Review the effectiveness of farm bill conservation programs in addressing wildlife habitat, water quality/quantity, and promoting soil health;
- Review the interaction between conservation practices and risk management;
- Review USDA's realignment that resulted in the Farm Production and Conservation mission area, including its impact on programs, customers, and staff;
- Review current U.S. Forest Service (USFS) management and workforce challenges; and
- Review USFS's strategy for dealing with wildfire, including the effect of hazardous fuels management, forest health efforts, and fire preparedness.

### **Dairy**

- Review USDA's implementation of the dairy risk management provisions in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018; and
- Review milk pricing and dairy product purchase programs.

### **Energy**

- Review agriculture's role in a renewable energy economy;
- Review the implementation of the Renewable Fuel Standard and its impact on agriculture; and
- Review USDA's farm bill energy programs.

### **Farm Credit, Rural Development, and The Rural Economy**

- Review implementation of rural development policies and authorities contained in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- Review the state of the farm economy;
- Review credit conditions and availability in rural America;
- Review the availability of mental health counseling and mediation services in rural areas;
- Review access to and success of rural development programs in persistent poverty areas;
- Review broadband delivery in rural America; and
- Review rural development loan and grant programs, including their role in combating opioid abuse and increasing medical care in rural areas.

### **Federal Crop Insurance and Risk Management**

- Review USDA's implementation of crop insurance provisions authorized in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- Review the role and effectiveness of Federal crop insurance;
- Review the development and delivery of new crop insurance products for livestock, specialty crops, and dairy;
- Review the expansion and availability of Whole-Farm Revenue Protection; and
- Monitor the effectiveness of USDA's disaster programs.

### **Food Waste**

- Review USDA's implementation of food waste and loss reduction authorities in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018.

### **Foreign Agriculture/Trade**

- Monitor pending—and review existing—trade agreements and their impact on agriculture;
- Review USDA's trade promotion activities;
- Review the effectiveness of USDA's trade mitigation programs;
- Review the impacts of USDA food aid and development programs;
- Monitor agricultural export programs to determine how well they are promoting the interests of U.S. agriculture;
- Review the activities of the newly created office of the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs; and
- Review the impact of retaliatory tariffs on U.S. agricultural producers and agribusinesses.

### **General Farm Commodities**

- Review USDA's realignment that resulted in the Farm Production and Conservation mission area, including its impact on programs, customers, and staff;
- Review implementation of changes to the Price Loss Coverage program, Agriculture Risk Coverage program, and marketing assistance loans as enacted in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018; and
- Review USDA's enforcement of the Grain Standards Act and inspection activities.

### **Horticulture**

- Review USDA's implementation of horticulture-related programs authorized in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- Review the use of commodity checkoff programs;
- Review USDA's regulation of organic standards;
- Monitor USDA's programming as it relates to local food production and marketing; and
- Review the implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act.



### **Livestock and Animals**

- Review USDA's implementation of livestock and animal-related policies and authorities in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- Review USDA's inspection of meat and poultry products;
- Review USDA's mandatory livestock price reporting system; and
- Review animal health threats and prevention and response capabilities.

### **Nutrition**

- Review USDA's implementation of nutrition programs and authorities in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (including provisions yet to be implemented from the Agricultural Act of 2014);
- Review the proposed rule regarding waivers of the time limit (and subsequently the work requirement) for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Review SNAP work pilots;
- Review the long-term impact of the lapse in Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations on state and local agencies as it pertains to operating federally-authorized nutrition programs;
- Review ongoing technological challenges regarding the delivery of SNAP benefits;
- Review the make-up and status of the ABAWD SNAP population;
- Review retailer operations;
- Review the process by which the *2020–2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans* will be decided; and
- Review SNAP quality control measures.

### **Outreach and Civil Rights**

- Review USDA's implementation of outreach and civil rights policies, programs and authorities authorized in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- Monitor USDA's outreach efforts to beginning, small, and underserved farmers and ranchers; and
- Monitor USDA's outreach efforts to military veterans interested in careers in agriculture.

### **Regulations**

- Review the effect of regulatory activities carried out pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, or any proposed legislative changes to such Act, on agricultural producers and rural communities;
- Review the effect of regulatory activities by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) relative to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act on agricultural producers and industry stakeholders;

- Review the designated representative provision within EPA's 2015 Worker Protection Standards to assure protection of both farmworkers and producer interests;
- Review the effect of regulatory activities carried out by the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the *Waters of the United States*; and
- Review USDA's regulatory activities related to gray wolves.

### **Research**

- Review USDA's implementation of research, education, and extension programs authorized in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018;
- Review the proposed relocation of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the relocation/realignment of the Economic Research Service (ERS);
- Review access to, and release of, World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates;
- Review access to, and release of, World Agricultural Outlook Board meetings data;
- Review the effectiveness of data gathering at the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS);
- Review efforts to leverage Federal research investment with state, local, and private sources of funding; and
- Review the sufficiency of research funding under the Agricultural Research Service, ERS, NASS, and NIFA.

### **Consultation with Other Committees**

- With Natural Resources on forestry issues, livestock predation, and aquaculture;
- With Science, Space and Technology on research;
- With Ways and Means and Education and Labor on nutrition programs;
- With Ways and Means on tax and trade issues;
- With Judiciary on immigrant agricultural labor;
- With Energy and Commerce on food safety, regulation of cell-cultured meat, and biomass energy;
- With Transportation and Infrastructure on certain Clean Water Act compliance issues, livestock hauling, and food aid delivery;
- With Financial Services on Dodd-Frank and emerging issues such as digital assets;
- With Foreign Affairs on food aid and trade issues;
- With Small Business on addressing economic opportunities for rural America; and
- Any other committee as appropriate.

## II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES DURING THE 116TH CONGRESS

### A. MAIN LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Committee on Agriculture reported or otherwise considered a variety of bills in the 116th Congress covering many of the diverse areas within its jurisdiction.

#### *Agenda for the House Agriculture Committee*

Some of the major activities of the Committee during the 116th Congress included the following:

- The Agriculture Committee approached its business in an open, transparent manner and maintained the strong bipartisan tradition of the Committee. One of the main priorities of the Committee during this Congress was to provide oversight of the various Federal agencies through the hearing process, and oversight of the implementation of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115–334).
- The Agriculture Committee held 40 Committee hearings and 4 business meetings during the 116th Congress.
- The Committee heard testimony from 27 Administration officials, specifically U.S. Department of Agriculture representatives and Administration officials from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Additional testimony heard by the Committee was offered by university research, nonprofit organizations, trade groups, and farmers and ranchers from across the United States for a total of 134 witnesses.
- The House Agriculture Committee participated in the successful passage of the following bills within its jurisdiction, which ultimately became laws: :
  - P.L. 116–113, United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act;
  - P.L. 116–122, Protecting America’s Food and Agriculture Act of 2019;
  - P.L. 116–127, Families First Coronavirus Response Act
  - P.L. 116–159, Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act
  - P.L. 116–216, Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2020;
  - P.L. 116–224, Save Our Seas 2.0 Act; and
  - P.L. 116–XXX, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.
- P.L. 116–XXX, (H.R. 6395) National Defense Authorization Act (as of the date of publication, the veto override had passed the House and was pending in the Senate).
- The House Agriculture Committee held 10 hearings to examine the implementation of the farm bill.
- The House Agriculture Committee successfully drafted and passed out of the Committee bipartisan legislation to reauthorize and improve the operations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens on end-users. The legislation would also clarify the CFTC’s cost-benefit obligations for new rulemakings, as well as

address concerns relating to protecting customers from another failure such as MF Global and Peregrine Financial. This legislation was the product of a multi-year process. Ultimately, this was not considered by the House.

#### B. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

##### (1) *Statistics on bills referred to the Committee on Agriculture* Number of bills referred:

House bills .....	351
Senate bills .....	2
House joint resolutions .....	0
House concurrent resolutions .....	6
Senate joint resolutions .....	0
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	1
House resolutions .....	19
Total .....	379

##### (2) *Disposition of Bills Containing Items Under the Jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture*

Bills enacted into law .....	7
Bills acted on by the Committee included in other bills that became law ....	0
Bills vetoed .....	1
Bills acted on by both Houses, but not enacted .....	0
Bills acted on by the House but not the Senate .....	2
Concurrent Resolutions approved .....	0
Bills reported to the House but not considered .....	1
Bills ordered reported, but not reported .....	0
Bills defeated in the House .....	0

##### (3) *Statistics on hearings and markups*

Full Committee/Subcommittee	Business Meetings	Hearings	Field Hearings
Full Committee on Agriculture .....	4	3	
Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management .....		3	
Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit .....		6	
Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry .....		9	
Subcommittee on Nutrition .....		4	
Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research .....		7	
Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture .....		8	
Total .....	4	40	

#### C. DIGEST OF BILLS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON WHICH ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN

##### 1. *Bills Enacted into Law*

###### *P.L. 116–113 (H.R. 5430)*

###### *United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act*

H.R. 5430 was introduced by Representative Steny Hoyer on December 13, 2019. The bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary, the Budget, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, and Oversight and Reform. On De-

cember 19, 2019, the Committee discharged the bill. On December 19, 2019, the House passed the bill by a vote of 385 yeas to 41 nays. The bill passed the Senate without amendment by a vote of 89 yeas and 10 nays on January 16, 2020. On January 29, 2020, the President signed the bill.

This bill provides statutory authority for the trade agreement between the United States, Mexico, and Canada (USMCA), which replaces the North American Free Trade Agreement. Specifically, the bill implements provisions that include labor and environment monitoring and enforcement, *de minimis* levels for U.S. exports, and cooperation among treaty members to prevent duty evasion.

*P.L. 116–122 (S. 2107)*

*Protecting America’s Food and Agriculture Act of 2019*

S. 2107 was introduced by Senator Gary Peters on July 24, 2019. On October 24, 2019, the Senate passed the bill without amendment by unanimous consent. On October 28, 2019, the bill was received in the House and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On February 10, 2020, the bill was considered under suspension of the rules and passed by a voice vote. On March 3, 2020 the bill was signed by the President.

This bill authorizes U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), every fiscal year, to hire, train, and assign 240 new agricultural specialists until the total number of specialists equals and sustains the requirements identified each year in the Agriculture Resource Allocation Model.

*P.L. 116–216 (S. 4054)*

*Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2020*

S. 4054 was introduced by Chairman Pat Roberts on June 24, 2020. On November 16, 2020, the Senate passed the bill with amendment by voice vote. On November 17, 2020, the bill was received in the House and held at the desk. Chairman Collin C. Peterson moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill on December 2, 2020. The rules were suspended and the bill passed by voice vote. The President signed the bill into law on December 11, 2020.

This bill reauthorizes through FY 2025 the United States Grain Standards Act, which authorizes the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish official marketing standards for grains, and to provide procedures for grain inspection and weighing.

*P.L. 116–224 (S. 1982)*

*Save Our Seas 2.0 Act*

S. 1982 was introduced by Senator Dan Sullivan on June 26, 2019. The bill passed with an amendment by voice vote on January 9, 2020. On January 13, 2020 the bill was received in the House and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, Energy and Commerce, Science, Space, and Technology, and Agriculture. The motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill as amended was agreed to by voice vote on October 1, 2020. The President signed the bill into law on December 18, 2020.

The Save Our Seas 2.0 Act establishes a Marine Debris Foundation to augment existing Federal marine debris response, requires international cooperation and private sector engagement on a wide range of marine debris removal initiatives, and provides grants for the improvement of waste management infrastructure.

*P.L. 116–XXX (H.R. 6395)*

*National Defense Authorization Act*

H.R. 6395 was introduced by Representatives Adam Smith and Mac Thornberry on March 26, 2020. It passed the House on July 21, 2020 by a vote of 295–125; it was passed with an amendment by voice vote in the Senate on November 16, 2020. The conference report was passed in the House on December 8, 2020 by a vote of 335–78; and by the Senate on December 11, 2020 by a vote of 84–13. The bill was vetoed by the President on December 23. On December 28, the House voted to again pass the bill, objections of the President notwithstanding, by a vote of 322–87 ( $\frac{2}{3}$  required). As of the date of publication, the matter remains pending before the Senate.

The bill authorizes FY 2021 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, including military personnel strengths. It does not provide budget authority, which is provided in subsequent appropriations legislation.

**Other Laws; Legislative Matters**

*Appropriations*

*P.L. 116–127 (H.R. 6201)*

*Families First Coronavirus Response Act*

H.R. 6201 was introduced by Representative Nita Lowey on March 11, 2020. The motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill as amended passed by a vote of 363 yeas to 40 nays with 1 present on March 14, 2020. The bill subsequently passed the Senate by a vote of 90 yeas to 8 nays.

The bill responds to the COVID-19 outbreak by providing sick leave, tax credits, and free COVID-19 testing; expanding food assistance and unemployment benefits; and increasing Medicaid funding.

The following bill was included in P.L. 116–127:

*H.R. 6200, Pandemic EBT Act of 2020*

H.R. 6200 was introduced by Representative Marcia Fudge on March 11, 2020. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor.

H.R. 6200 expands authority for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program) during a public health emergency based on COVID-19, to households that include at least one eligible child and may or may not be participating in SNAP. An *eligible child* is a child who would be receiving free or reduced-price school meals if the child's school had not been closed for at least five consecutive days due to the public health emergency based on COVID-19.

*P.L. 116–159 (H.R. 8337)**Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act*

H.R. 8337 was introduced by Representative Nita Lowey on September 22, 2020. The bill passed the House on September 22, 2020 by a vote of 359 yeas to 57 nays. The bill subsequently passed the Senate by a vote of 84 yeas to 10 nays. The President signed the bill into law on October 1, 2020.

The bill provides continuing FY 2021 appropriations to Federal agencies and extends expiring programs that address health care, surface transportation, agriculture, veterans benefits, and other issues.

The following bill was included in P.L. 116–159:

*H.R. 7794, Emergency SNAP Flexibilities Extension Act*

H.R. 7794 was introduced by Representative Marcia Fudge on July 27, 2020. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The bill allows states to extend certification periods and adjust periodic reporting and interview requirements through June 30, 2021 for supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) applicants and households without having to gain USDA approval. The bill also enables states to use simplified reporting in lieu of regular recertification requirements for recertifications through December 31, 2021.

*P.L. 116–XXX (H.R. 133)**Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021*

On December 21, 2020, the House considered the Senate amendment to H.R. 133 (originally introduced on January 3, 2019 by Representative Henry Cuellar) with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–68. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1271, the vote was divided between a vote on the matter proposed to be inserted as divisions B, C, E, and F and a vote on the remaining divisions. The Senate amendment with a portion of amendment comprised of 4 divisions (B, C, E, and F) was agreed to with 327 yeas and 85 nays. The Senate amendment with a portion of amendment comprised of the remaining divisions (all except divisions B, C, E and F) was agreed to with 359 and 53 nays. It passed the Senate with 92 yeas and 6 nays on December 21, 2020.

The bill provides Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations for Federal departments and agencies and provides emergency relief to American works, families, and small business impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill was signed into law on December 27, 2020.

The following bills were included in P.L. 116–XXX:

*H.R. 6582, Food for Working Families Act of 2020*

H.R. 6582 was introduced by Representative Jahana Hayes on April 21, 2020. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

H.R. 6582 excludes from income and resources emergency Federal pandemic unemployment compensation paid to an individual under section 2104 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

*H.R. 6756, End Pandemic Hunger for College Students Act of 2020*

H.R. 6756 was introduced by Representative Marcia Fudge on May 8, 2020. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor.

H.R. 6756 maintains eligibility for the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) for college students during the pandemic and temporarily expands SNAP for college students with an expected family contribution of \$0, as determined in accordance with part F of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. The bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture to issue guidance to State agencies on the temporary student eligibility standards and requires the Secretary of Education to inform applicants of Federal student financial aid and college students of these temporary student eligibility standards.

*H.R. 7490, Requiring Assistance to Meat Processors for Upgrading Plants Act of 2020*

H.R. 7490 was introduced by Chairman Collin C. Peterson on July 6, 2020. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

H.R. 7490 amends the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants for improvements to meat and poultry facilities to allow for interstate shipment. The bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants available to entities engaged in meat and poultry processing for purposes of assisting with improvement related costs necessary to become subject to inspection under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), or the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.).

*2. Bills Acted on by the House But Not the Senate*

*H.R. 1837, United States-Israel Cooperation Enhancement and Regional Security Act*

H.R. 1837 was introduced by Representative Theodore Deutch on March 21, 2019. The bill was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Science, Space, and Technology, Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans' Affairs. On July 23, 2019, the bill was considered under suspension of the rules and passed by a voice vote.

This bill authorizes various joint research and cooperation programs between the United States and Israel, reauthorizes security assistance to Israel, and establishes reporting requirements regarding various related issues. The bill authorizes activities related to the U.S.-Israel Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund, in addition to other activities, through Fiscal Year 2022.

*H.R. 3884, MORE Act of 2019*

H.R. 3884 was introduced by Representative Jerrold Nadler on July 23, 2019 and subsequently referred to Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Agriculture, Education and Labor, Ways and Means, Small Busi-



ness, Natural Resources, and Oversight and Reform. With 228 Members voting in the affirmative and 164 opposed, the bill passed the House on December 4, 2020.

The bill would impose a sales tax on cannabis products, establish a criminal record expungement process with respect to cannabis-related offenses, authorize Small Business Administration loans for certain entities engaged in cannabis-related business, and prohibits the denial of Federal public benefits (including supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits) to a person on the basis of certain cannabis-related conduct or convictions.

### *3. House Resolutions Considered in the House*

*H. Res. 189, Supporting sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting United States Agency for International Development's commitment to global nutrition through its multi-sectoral nutrition strategy.*

H. Res. 189 was introduced by Representative Roger Marshall on March 7, 2019. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On October 30, 2019, the Committee on Foreign Affairs considered and reported the measure favorably by unanimous consent. On March 10, 2020, the Committee on Agriculture considered and reported the measure favorably by voice vote. On December 7, 2020, under suspension of the rules, the House passed it by voice vote.

H. Res. 189 expresses support for increased U.S. efforts to combat malnutrition among women and children and acknowledges the contributions of the U.S. Agency for International Development in addressing global nutritional needs.

### *4. Bills Reported by the Committee on Agriculture But Not Considered*

*H.R. 4895, CFTC Reauthorization Act of 2019*

H.R. 4895 was introduced by Representative Collin C. Peterson on October 29, 2019. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. On October 30, 2019, the Committee on Agriculture ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote.

### *5. Bills Reported by Other Committees Within the Committee on Agriculture's Jurisdiction But Not Considered*

*H.R. 3225, Restoring Community Input and Public Protections in Oil and Gas Leasing Act of 2019*

H.R. 3225 was introduced on June 12, 2019 by Representative Mike Levin and subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. The Committee on Agriculture discharged the bill on December 24, 2020 and it was subsequently reported by the Committee on Natural Resources the same day.

H.R. 3225 was discharged from consideration by the Committee on Agriculture on December 24, 2020 and was reported out the same day by the Committee on Natural Resources.

*H.R. 3794, Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2019*

H.R. 3794 was introduced by Representative Paul A. Gosar on July 17, 2019. The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, on the same day.

H. R. 3794 was discharged from consideration by the Committee on Agriculture on December 18, 2020 and was reported out the same day by the Committee on Natural Resources.

*H.R. 3879, Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act*

H.R. 3879 was introduced on July 23, 2019 by Representative Debra A. Haaland and subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture.

*H.R. 5040, AIR Safety Act of 2019*

H.R. 5040 was introduced by Representative John R. Curtis on November 12, 2019. The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture on November 12, 2020. On December 2, 2020, the Committee on Agriculture discharged the legislation.

This bill directs the Bureau of Land Management to study the effects of drone incursions on the suppression of wildfires concerning lands managed by the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture.

*H. Res. 742, Recognizing the continued success of the Food for Peace Act.*

H. Res. 742 was introduced by Representative Jim Costa on December 5, 2019. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. On March 4, 2020, the Committee on Foreign Affairs considered and reported favorably the measure by voice vote. On March 10, 2020, the Committee on Agriculture considered and reported favorably the measure by voice vote.

H. Res. 742 recognizes Food for Peace as a critical component of global food security efforts and calls for the prioritization of funding for Food for Peace programs.

*6. Bills Ordered Reported by the Committee on Agriculture*

See the bills listed under “4. Bills reported by the Committee on Agriculture But not Considered.”

*7. Bills Ordered Reported but Not Reported by Other Committees Within the Committee on Agriculture’s Jurisdiction*

None.

*8. Bills Defeated*

None.

*9. Bills Acted on by the Committee Included in Other Laws Enacted*

None.

*10. Bills Vetoed*

None.

*11. Bills Acted on by Both Houses But Not Enacted*

None

*12. Concurrent Resolutions Approved*

*Other Bills of Interest:* Several bills acted on by other committees, but not acted on by the Committee on Agriculture, contain provisions relating to matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.

The following are abbreviated summaries of these bills.

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The following are abbreviated summaries of these bills.

*H.R. 2, Moving Forward Act*

H.R. 2 was introduced on June 11, 2020 by Representative Peter A. DeFazio and subsequently referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. On July 1, 2020 the bill passed with 233 yeas and 188 nays. It passed the Senate with an amendment by voice vote on November 16, 2020. A message on Senate action was sent to the House on November 17, 2020.

This bill addresses provisions related to Federal-aid highway, transit, highway safety, motor carrier, research, hazardous materials, and rail programs of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

The following bills were included in H.R. 2:

*H.R. 2795, Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2019*

H.R. 2795 was introduced on May 16, 2019 by Representative Donald S Beyer, Jr. and subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Armed Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure. On October 9, 2020, the Committee on Agriculture discharged the legislation.

This bill provides for the conservation and restoration of habitats that facilitate the movement of certain native species (*e.g.*, fish, wildlife, or plant species) that may be at risk due to habitat loss or fragmentation.

*H.R. 5179, Tribal Wildlife Corridors Act of 2019*

H.R. 5179 was introduced on November 19, 2020 by Representative Ruben Gallego and subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture. The Committee on Agriculture discharged the legislation on October 9, 2020.

H.R. 5179 was discharged from consideration by the Committee on Agriculture on October 9, 2020 and was reported out the same day by the Committee on Natural Resources.

*H.R. 6395, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021*

H.R. 6395 was introduced on March 26, 2020 by Representative Adam Smith and subsequently referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. The bill was passed in the House on July 21, 2020 with 295 yeas and 125 nays. The Senate agreed to conference report by a vote of 84 yeas to 13 nays on December 11, 2020. It was presented to the President on the same day. The bill was vetoed on December 23, 2020. The House of Representatives voted on December 28, 2020 to pass the bill, notwithstanding the objection of the President by a vote of 322–87 ( $\frac{2}{3}$  required). As of the date of publication, the veto override remains pending in the United States Senate.

This bill authorizes FY 2021 appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, including military personnel strengths.

The following bill was included in H.R. 6395:

*H.R. 4820, Seeding Rural Resilience Act*

H.R. 4820 was introduced on October 23, 2019 by Representative Anthony Brindisi and subsequently referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture to implement a public service announcement campaign to address the mental health of farmers and ranchers. Additionally, the bill requires that the Department of Agriculture train employees of the Farm Service Agency, the Risk Management Agency, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the management of stress experienced by farmers and ranchers, as well as convene a task force of agricultural stakeholders to assess the causes of mental stress in farmers and ranchers and identify best practices for responding to such stress.

#### D. OVERSIGHT

The Committee on Agriculture and its Subcommittees were active in their oversight functions, holding a number of oversight hearings and activities during the 116th Congress. The 116th Congress saw numerous Member-level hosted meetings, round tables and conference calls. These calls were conducted with senior Administration Officials including the Secretary of Agriculture and the United States Trade Representative, as well as both public and private stakeholders across the country. These meetings supplemented the Committee's oversight work by providing Members the opportunity to engage with these leaders and stakeholders on issues within the Committee's jurisdiction. The hearings related to the application, administration, and effectiveness of laws that lie within the Committee's jurisdiction as well as the organization and operation of the Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies having responsibility for the administration of such laws. The oversight hearings conducted during the 116th Congress included specific oversight of the implementation of the Agricultural Act of 2018. The hearings often result in recommendations for improvements in the administration of the laws, regulations and policies in

effect in the Executive Branch as they relate to the Committee's jurisdiction. Information gathered at these hearings was useful in preparing legislation for consideration in the House of Representatives.

As part of its hearings, the Committee and its Subcommittees reviewed the way the particular Federal agency or department (usually the Department of Agriculture) administered existing laws related to the subject matter of the legislation before, or to be considered by, the Committee. In most cases, legislation favorably reported to the House carries a termination date (a "sunset") to ensure that in the future Congress will again review the effectiveness and the methods with which the Executive Branch of Government has carried out the letter and the spirit of that statute.

In keeping with the objective of the Oversight Plan, as submitted to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and House Administration, and Rule XI, clause 2 of the House of Representatives, the Committee and its Subcommittees conducted the following chronological oversight hearings during the 116th Congress (Note: To see a copy of the Oversight Plan as submitted, see "I. Summary of Organization, Jurisdiction, and Oversight Plan of the Committee on Agriculture."):

#### *1. Oversight Hearings*

**February 27, 2019:** *The State of the Rural Economy.* Full Committee. Serial No. 116-1.

This hearing focused on the current state of the rural economy. This was the third time Secretary Perdue testified before the Committee to offer his assessment of USDA programs and the rural economy. Since his 2018 testimony, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) was enacted, retaliatory tariffs were levied against several agricultural commodities, forecasts for net farm income continued to drop, USDA had mixed reactions to their efforts to internally reorganize and relocate agencies, a controversial proposed rule for SNAP received comments, and natural disasters challenged all areas of the country. All these issues, along with programmatic topics, were areas for questioning.

**April 3, 2019:** *Examining the Proposed ABAWD Rule and its Impact on Hunger and Hardship.* Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. Serial No. 116-2.

On February 1, 2019, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a proposed rule, "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Requirements for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (84 FR 980)." The purpose of this hearing was to examine the impact of that proposed rulemaking on the able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) population.

**April 30, 2019:** *Reviewing the State of the Dairy Economy.* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. Serial No. 116-3.

The US dairy industry had faced a multi-year period of low margins and challenging market conditions. These challenges were compounded by trade disputes and on-going labor challenges. This hearing provided Members of the Subcommittee with an opportunity to hear about these and other issues directly from dairy farmers from different regions and different production models as well as cooperative and academic experts.

**May 1, 2019:** *The State of the CFTC*. Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. Serial No. 116–4.

The purpose of this hearing was for Members to receive testimony regarding the state of affairs at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). Topics of discussion at this hearing included the nomination of Chairman Nominee Heath Tarbert, reforming the Dodd-Frank Act Swap Execution Facility (SEF) rules, the Keep It Simple Stupid (KISS) project, improving CFTC’s data quality, an expansion of the Office of the Chief Economist, updates to market intelligence, cross border issues and Brexit, position limits, the de minimis threshold, and cybersecurity.

**May 9, 2019:** *Reviewing the State of the Farm Economy*. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Serial No. 116–5.

Conditions in the farm economy have worsened in recent years and this hearing examined the financial situation for farmers around the country. Low commodity prices, rising input costs, and mounting pressure for those in production agriculture have all contributed to a stressful farm economy. Despite the enactment of the 2018 Farm Bill, many farmers continued to face financial stress. Witnesses reported on the state of the farm economy from their vantage point as farmers and agriculturists and their insights informed future policy decisions by the Subcommittee.

**May 15, 2019:** *Hearing To Review USDA Farm Bill Conservation Programs*. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 116–6.

During this hearing, the Subcommittee addressed USDA farm bill conservation programs under the respective authorities of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency, as well as the changes that the 2018 Farm Bill made to various conservation programs. The Committee heard from two government witnesses: The Honorable Matthew Lohr, Chief for the Natural Resources Conservation Service and The Honorable Richard Fordyce, Administrator for the Farm Service Agency.

**May 21, 2019:** *Hearing To Review Animal Pest and Disease Prevention and Response Capabilities*. Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. Serial No. 116–7.

This hearing allowed Subcommittee Members to oversee the USDA’s operation of animal pest and disease prevention and control efforts. Livestock and poultry producers around the country and the world faced threats and challenges posed by pests and diseases—endemic, foreign, and invasive. A major outbreak of virulent Newcastle Disease (vND) was impacting poultry in the Western U.S., while an outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) was expanding in Asia, drastically impacting pork markets and causing the entire world to take precautions. These outbreaks were just two of several others of potential concern. The impacts of disease outbreaks can also move beyond farms as shortages of products due to outbreaks can raise consumer food costs, communities grapple with animal carcass disposal, and reduction in livestock populations reduce the need for animal feed ingredients including corn and soybeans. The 2018 Farm Bill provided new authorities and investments to combat these issues.

**June 5, 2019:** *Examining the Impacts of Relocating USDA Research Agencies on Agricultural Research.* Subcommittee on Biotechnology and Horticulture. Serial No. 116–8.

In this Subcommittee hearing, Members discussed the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) efforts to relocate the Economic Research Service (ERS) and National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) outside the National Capital Region and to internally realign ERS. The Subcommittee heard from a variety of agricultural professors and farm operators.

**June 11, 2019:** *The State of U.S. Agricultural Products in International Markets.* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. Serial No. 116–9.

At this hearing, witnesses discussed pending agreements, current negotiations, and Administration-level discussions regarding agricultural trade including those with Mexico and Canada (USMCA); Japan; China; the EU; Brazil; and other countries and markets. The hearing also provided an opportunity to discuss administrative actions including Section 232 and Section 301 tariffs and associated retaliatory actions as well as USDA’s response to retaliation.

**June 12, 2019:** *Increasing Resiliency, Mitigating Risk: Examining the Research and Extension Needs of Producers.* Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. Serial No. 116–10

Through this hearing, Members heard directly from the stakeholder community on the research and extension needs of producers related to strengthening resiliency and improving risk mitigation given changes in local weather conditions and broader climatic patterns.

**June 20, 2019:** *How Farm Policy Helps Farmers in Adverse Conditions.* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. Serial No. 116–11

This Subcommittee hearing focused on how Federal farm policy programs assist farmers when they are most in need. Members of the Subcommittee heard from an array of witnesses who discussed how to best address adverse conditions.

**June 20, 2019:** *The Potential Implications of Eliminating Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility for SNAP Households.* Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. Serial No. 116–12.

The purpose of this hearing was to examine the impact of potential changes to broad-based categorical eligibility on families and individuals who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. There was a proposed rule regarding categorical eligibility pending on the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review. According to a CBO estimate, taking away broad-based categorical eligibility would cut 400,000 households from SNAP and 265,000 students would lose eligibility for free or reduced school meals.

**June 25, 2019:** *Managing for Soil Health: Securing the Conservation and Economic Benefits of Healthy Soils.* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 116–13.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the conservation and economic benefits of promoting soil health in agriculture. Members

discussed the value of soil stewardship, shared best practices, and heard about any barriers to adoption of soil management systems.

**June 26, 2019:** *Brexit and Other International Developments Affecting U.S. Derivatives Markets*. Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. Serial No. 116–14.

Members of the Subcommittee received stakeholder testimony about international decisions affecting domestic derivative markets. This hearing examined Brexit, the United Kingdom’s role post-Brexit, the European Union and European Commission rulemaking and European market infrastructure regulation, market preparation for a no-deal Brexit, and phase 5 of initial margin.

**July 11, 2019:** *Building Opportunity in Rural America through Affordable, Reliable and High-Speed Broadband*. Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. Serial No. 116–15.

Through this hearing, Members heard from a cross section of very knowledgeable individuals on their successes in leveraging broadband connectivity to enhance the services they provide to communities. Network buildouts in rural areas face unique challenges to improving connectivity, such as low population density and geographic/terrain difficulties.

**July 16, 2019:** *Reviewing the State of the U.S. Livestock and Poultry Economies*. Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. Serial No. 116–16.

This Subcommittee hearing heard from on the ground stakeholders in various segments of the livestock and poultry industry to gauge their current economies and difficulties. The 2018 Farm Bill Animal Health Programs, funding, implementation status, ongoing animal pest and disease outbreaks and issues, trade and labor issues, cell-cultured products, gene-edited animals, and livestock mandatory price reporting were some of the issues discussed.

**July 17, 2019:** *Assessing the Effectiveness of the National Organic Program*. Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. Serial No. 116–17.

During this hearing, Members heard testimony from Greg Ibach, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, on where the USDA was in terms of implementing organic programs authorized in the 2018 Farm Bill and sought an overview of the performance of the National Organic Program.

**September 19, 2019:** *Hearing To Review the Implementation of Federal Farm and Disaster Programs*. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, Subcommittee on Livestock and Agriculture. Serial No. 116–18.

In this joint Subcommittee hearing, Members reviewed implementation of Federal farm and disaster programs, including trade assistance efforts, disaster payments, and the commodity title of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. The Subcommittee received information from The Honorable Bill Northey, who served as the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**September 26, 2019:** *The National Forest System: Restoring our Forest Infrastructure*. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 116–19.



The purpose of this hearing was to examine the U.S. Forest Service's deferred maintenance needs and impact on economic opportunity and public's use.

**October 17, 2019:** *Hearing To Review Implementation of USDA Farm Bill Research Programs.* Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. Serial No. 116–20.

The goal of this hearing was to review the implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill research provisions, focusing on the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) role in advancing scientific knowledge for agriculture through research, education, and extension. Subcommittee Members heard from Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics Scott Hutchins.

**October 22, 2019:** *Realizing the Conservation Benefits of Precision Agriculture.* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 116–21.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the conservation benefits of precision agriculture. The Subcommittee heard from three stakeholders about their experiences in the field using technologies to benefit their operations.

**October 30, 2019:** *Reviewing the State of Organic Agriculture—Producer Perspectives.* Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. Serial No. 116–22.

At this hearing, Members reviewed the state of the organic agriculture sector through testimony from organic producers with direct industry experience. This hearing served as a follow up to the July 17, 2019 BHR Subcommittee hearing with Under Secretary Greg Ibach which focused on the effectiveness of the National Organic Program.

**November 14, 2019:** *Safeguarding American Agriculture from Wild, Invasive, and Non-Native Species.* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. Serial No. 116–23.

During this hearing, witnesses reviewed efforts to safeguard American agriculture from wild, invasive, and non-native species. Members and witnesses discussed wildlife and disease surveillance, invasive species, pests, and diseases, how invasive species spread, USDA wildlife services, Nutria (large, web-footed rodents), feral swine, and trade, among other topics.

**November 19, 2019:** *Review of Credit Conditions: Report from the Farm Credit Administration.* Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. Serial No. 116–24.

The Subcommittee received testimony from Farm Credit Administration (FCA) Chair Glen Smith. He spoke with Members about FCA Regulated Entity's, including the Farm Credit System and the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Company, national net farm income, agricultural credit conditions, and the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018.

**November 19, 2019:** *Review of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.* Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. Serial No. 116–25.

The purpose of this hearing was to review the civil rights process for employees and customers and the operations of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. The Subcommittee heard testimony from

the Honorable Naomi C. Earp, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

**December 10, 2019:** *The Implementation of Farm Bill International Food Assistance and Development Programs.* Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. Serial No. 116–26.

Members of the Subcommittee heard testimony from USDA Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) Administrator, Ken Isley, and U.S. Agency for International Development Food for Peace Director, Trey Hicks. Topics of discussion included a wide array of USDA administered international science and technology programs and USAID administered international food assistance programs.

**December 11, 2019:** *Member Day.* Full Committee. Serial No. 116–27.

As part of the Rules package passed by the 116th Congress, each Committee was required to host a Member day, providing any Member of the House the opportunity to testify before that Committee.

At this hearing, Members testified about issues in the Committee jurisdiction, including barriers to healthcare and broadband in rural communities, volatile commodity prices, rising input costs, trade issues, and unpredictable weather.

**December 11, 2019:** *Review of Credit Conditions: Report from Agricultural Lenders.* Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. Serial No. 116–24.

This was the second in a series of hearings on credit conditions in the farm economy titled, *Review of Credit Conditions: Report from Agricultural Lenders*. The Subcommittee received testimony from rural lenders on behalf of the American Bankers Association (ABA), the Farm Credit Council (FCC) and the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA). They provided timely insight to the credit conditions farmers and ranchers were facing. This hearing was the follow-up to last month's CEEC Subcommittee hearing with FCA Administrator Glen Smith.

**December 17, 2019:** *Access to Conservation Programs by Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers.* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 116–28.

The purpose of this hearing was to review access to farm bill conservation programs by Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers. Members of the Subcommittee heard from a cross section of knowledgeable stakeholders who had firsthand experience with the topic.

**January 28, 2020:** *Hearing To Review Implementation of Farm Bill Conservation Programs.* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 116–29.

The purpose of this hearing was to provide an update on the implementation of farm bill conservation programs under the respective authorities of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

**February 11, 2020:** *Economic Opportunities from Local Agricultural Markets.* Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. Serial No. 116–30.

In this hearing, Members examined how farmers and ranchers are pursuing economic opportunities from local agricultural mar-

kets, with a focus on how the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) supports the development of these opportunities through the Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP) enacted in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill). Witnesses included various executives and producers involved in local agricultural markets.

**February 26, 2020:** *Innovative Wood Products: Promoting Rural Economies and Healthy Forests*. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 116–31.

The purpose of this hearing was to provide an overview of and opportunity to discuss innovative wood products and their potential contributions to rural economies and healthy forest management. Members and witnesses discussed forest sector challenges, the demand for innovative wood products, authorities to support innovative wood products, Forest Service programs, the Community Wood Energy and Wood Innovation Program authorized in the 2018 Farm Bill, research and development, and a variety of other topics impacting the forestry industry.

**March 4, 2020:** *The State of the Rural Economy with Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue*. Full Committee. Serial No. 116–32.

This hearing focused on the current state of the rural economy. The witness was Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, who provided data and perspective on the implementation of the farm bill and the significant challenges facing America’s farmers, ranchers, and their rural neighbors.

**March 10, 2020:** *U.S. Agricultural Trade: Stakeholder Perspectives*. Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. Serial No. 116–33.

In this hearing, the witnesses discussed their perspectives on impacts of trade actions on their businesses as well as priorities for future trade actions. Highlighted points included tariffs, trade with Canada and Mexico, the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement, China, and the 2018 Farm Bill trade title. Witnesses included farmers, ranchers, and sales and marketing professionals.

**July 21, 2020:** *An Overview of the Farmers to Families Food Box Program*. Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. Serial No. 116–34.

The purpose of this hearing was to examine the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) Farmers to Families Food Box implementation and delivery to nonprofit organizations. The Subcommittee heard testimony from the Honorable Greg Ibach, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, accompanied by Bruce Summers, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, as well as two stakeholders. The hearing addressed what criteria USDA used to select the producers and distributors tasked with providing the boxes, as well as how the boxes are being delivered to nonprofits and other community-based organizations.

**July 23, 2020:** *On-Farm Energy Productions: Impacts on Farm Income and Rural Communities*. Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. Serial No. 116–35.

In this hearing, Members received stakeholder testimony about the benefits of on farm energy production. Witnesses discussed how they changed production techniques to include regenerative energy

practices such as wind turbines, solar panels, or anaerobic digesters. They also gave insight as to how Members could address challenges and enact change through policy assistance.

**September 24, 2020:** *The 2020 Wildfire Year: Response and Recovery Efforts*. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 116–36.

The purpose of this hearing was to receive an update from the U.S. Forest Service (FS) on the 2020 wildfire year, including details on agency response and recovery efforts. Members questioned John Phipps, Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry at the USDA, about significant wildfires in Northern California, South California, and the Northwest, support information to help anticipate significant fire activity, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018, and select forestry provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill.

**October 1, 2020:** *Challenges and Successes of Conservation Programs in 2020*. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. Serial No. 116–37.

This hearing explored the challenges and successes of conservation programs in 2020. It reviewed the Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (NRCS) system for conservation delivery, including efforts to maintain service throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. It also provided an opportunity to discuss the impact of conservation programs and receive an update on the agency’s staffing needs.

**December 9, 2020:** *1890 Land-Grant Institutions—130 Years of Building Equity in Agriculture*. Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. Serial No. 116–38.

Members engaged with leaders from the 1890 land-grant system to examine challenges and opportunities facing their universities, including responses to provisions contained in the 2018 Farm Bill, areas for additional cooperation between Congress and these institutions, and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on their students and faculty. This hearing followed two hearings that were hosted by then-Chairman Conaway during the 114th Congress. The first, titled *125th Anniversary of the 1890s Land-Grant Universities*, was hosted on July 15, 2015. The second, titled *1890 Land-Grant Institutions: Recruitment Challenges & Scholarship Opportunities*, was hosted on December 7, 2016.

#### E. PUBLISHED HEARINGS

- 116–1 THE STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY. Full Committee. February 27, 2019.
- 116–2 EXAMINING THE PROPOSED ABAWD RULE AND ITS IMPACT ON HUNGER AND HARDSHIP. Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. April 3, 2019.
- 116–3 REVIEWING THE STATE OF THE DAIRY ECONOMY. Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. April 30, 2019.
- 116–4 THE STATE OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION. Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. May 1, 2019.

- 116-5 REVIEWING THE STATE OF THE FARM ECONOMY. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. May 9, 2019.
- 116-6 HEARING TO REVIEW USDA FARM BILL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. May 15, 2019.
- 116-7 HEARING TO REVIEW ANIMAL PEST AND DISEASE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE CAPABILITIES. Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. May 21, 2019.
- 116-8 EXAMINING THE IMPACTS OF RELOCATING USDA RESEARCH AGENCIES ON AGRICULTURE RESEARCH. Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. June 5, 2019.
- 116-9 THE STATE OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS. Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. June 11, 2019.
- 116-10 INCREASING RESILIENCY, MITIGATING RISK: EXAMINING THE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION NEEDS OF PRODUCERS. Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. June 12, 2019.
- 116-11 HOW FARM POLICY HELPS FARMERS IN ADVERSE CONDITIONS. Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management. June 20, 2019.
- 116-12 THE POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS OF ELIMINATING BROAD-BASED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY FOR SNAP HOUSEHOLDS. Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. June 20, 2019.
- 116-13 MANAGING FOR SOIL HEALTH: SECURING THE CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF HEALTHY SOILS. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. June 25, 2019.
- 116-14 BREXIT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING U.S. DERIVATIVES MARKETS. Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. June 26, 2019.
- 116-15 BUILDING OPPORTUNITY IN RURAL AMERICA THROUGH AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, AND HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND. Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. July 11, 2019.
- 116-16 THE STATE OF THE U.S. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ECONOMIES. Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. July 16, 2019.
- 116-17 ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM. Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. July 17, 2019.
- 116-18 HEARING TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL FARM AND DISASTER PROGRAMS. Subcommittees on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management and Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. September 19, 2019.

- 116–19 THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM: RESTORING OUR FOREST INFRASTRUCTURE. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. September 26, 2019.
- 116–20 HEARING TO REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF USDA FARM BILL RESEARCH PROGRAMS. Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. October 17, 2019.
- 116–21 REALIZING THE CONSERVATION BENEFITS OF PRECISION AGRICULTURE. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. October 22, 2019.
- 116–22 REVIEWING THE STATE OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE—PRODUCER PERSPECTIVES. Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. October 30, 2019.
- 116–23 SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN AGRICULTURE FROM WILD, INVASIVE, AND NON-NATIVE SPECIES. Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. November 14, 2019.
- 116–24 REVIEW OF CREDIT CONDITIONS: REPORT FROM THE FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION. Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. November 19, 2019.
- 116–24 REVIEW OF CREDIT CONDITIONS: REPORT FROM AGRICULTURAL LENDERS. Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. December 11, 2019.
- 116–25 REVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS. Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. November 19, 2019.
- 116–26 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FARM BILL INTERNATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. December 10, 2019.
- 116–27 MEMBER DAY. Full Committee December 11, 2019.
- 116–28 ACCESS TO CONSERVATION PROGRAMS BY HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED FARMERS AND RANCHERS. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. December 17, 2019.
- 116–29 HEARING TO REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF FARM BILL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. January 28, 2020.
- 116–30 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FROM LOCAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETS. Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. February 11, 2020.
- 116–31 INNOVATIVE WOOD PRODUCTS: PROMOTING RURAL ECONOMIES AND HEALTHY FORESTS. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. February 26, 2020.
- 116–32 THE STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY WITH AGRICULTURE SECRETARY SONNY PERDUE. Full Committee. March 4, 2020.
- 116–33 U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES. Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. March 10, 2020.

- 116–34 AN OVERVIEW OF THE FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD BOX PROGRAM. Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations. July 21, 2020.
- 116–35 ON-FARM ENERGY PRODUCTION: IMPACTS ON FARM INCOME AND RURAL COMMUNITIES. Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. July 23, 2020.
- 116–36 THE 2020 WILDFIRE YEAR: RESPONSE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. September 24, 2020
- 116–37 CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES OF CONSERVATION PROGRAMS IN 2020. Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. October 1, 2020.
- 116–38 1890 LAND-GRANT INSTITUTIONS—130 YEARS OF BUILDING EQUITY IN AGRICULTURE. Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. December 9, 2020.

#### F. MEETINGS NOT PUBLISHED

February 7, 2019—Full Committee open business meeting. Organizational meeting for the 116th Congress. Approval of the Committee Rules, Committee staff assignments, and the Oversight Plan for the 116th Congress by voice vote.

February 27, 2019—Full Committee open business meeting. Markup of the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under the jurisdiction of the Committee for Fiscal Year 2020, approved by voice vote.

October 30, 2019—Full Committee open business meeting. HR 4895, Reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; approved as amended by voice vote and reported favorably to the House.

March 10, 2020—To consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under the jurisdiction of the Committee for Fiscal Year 2021, which was approved by voice vote; H. Res. 189, Recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting United States Agency for International Development’s commitment to global nutrition through its multi-sectoral nutrition strategy, which was approved by voice vote and reported favorably to the House; and H. Res. 742, Recognizing the continued success of the Food for Peace Act, which was approved by voice vote and reported favorably to the House.

#### G. COMMITTEE PRINTS

*Committee on Agriculture Rules*. Adopted February 7, 2019. Print No. 116–1.

*A Ceremony Unveiling the Portrait of the Honorable K. Michael Conaway*. September 15, 2020. Print No. 116–2.

## H. WATERSHEDS

None.

## III. APPENDIX

## A. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

*By Date Published in the Congressional Record*

**Note:** In August 2013 the Parliamentarian's office altered its procedures concerning the referral of Executive Communications. In prior Congresses the Communications concerning pesticide tolerances submitted from the Environmental Protection Agency were referred to the Committee on Agriculture; however, beginning in August 2013 this type of Communication was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The Parliamentarian's office was notified of this discrepancy on November 24, 2014. There has been no response as of the printing of this report. The following is a list of the Executive Communication's numbers along with the date of publication in the Congressional Record are for Communications concerning an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance, which were historically referred to the Committee on Agriculture):

<b>February 13, 2019:</b> 168, 169.	<b>November 13, 2019:</b> 2930, 2932, 2934.
<b>February 26, 2019:</b> 231.	<b>December 3, 2019:</b> 3139, 3140.
<b>March 8, 2019:</b> 361, 363.	<b>December 9, 2019:</b> 3225, 3227, 3232.
<b>March 29, 2019:</b> 559.	<b>December 18, 2019:</b> 3344, 3345.
<b>April 1, 2019:</b> 585.	<b>January 15, 2020:</b> 3572.
<b>April 3, 2019:</b> 598, 600.	<b>February 5, 2020:</b> 3711, 3712, 3714, 3715, 3720, 3724.
<b>April 9, 2019:</b> 662.	<b>March 3, 2020:</b> 3993, 3994.
<b>April 25, 2019:</b> 776.	<b>March 10, 2020:</b> 4092.
<b>May 1, 2019:</b> 860.	<b>June 18, 2020:</b> 4511, 4512.
<b>May 10, 2019:</b> 977, 978.	<b>June 22, 2020:</b> 4541, 4544.
<b>May 16, 2019:</b> 1040.	<b>June 26, 2020:</b> 4589, 4590.
<b>May 22, 2019:</b> 1084.	<b>July 2, 2020:</b> 4658, 4659.
<b>June 3, 2019:</b> 1149.	<b>July 6, 2020:</b> 4676. <sup>2</sup>
<b>June 4, 2019:</b> 1170.	<b>July 24, 2020:</b> 4777, 4780, 4781, 4782.
<b>June 6, 2019:</b> 1233.	<b>July 31, 2020:</b> 4879.
<b>June 24, 2019:</b> 1400.	<b>July 31, 2020:</b> 4879.
<b>June 27, 2019:</b> 1454, 1456, 1457.	<b>August 21, 2020:</b> 5034.
<b>July 10, 2019:</b> 1552.	<b>September 1, 2020:</b> 5149, 5150, 5151.
<b>July 24, 2019:</b> 1761.	<b>September 4, 2020:</b> 5177, 5179.
<b>August 16, 2019:</b> 1882.	<b>September 11, 2020:</b> 5238.
<b>August 23, 2019:</b> 1927, 1928.	<b>September 17, 2020:</b> 5307.
<b>September 9, 2019:</b> 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992.	<b>September 23, 2020:</b> 5364.
<b>September 11, 2019:</b> 2043.	<b>October 20, 2020:</b> 5470, 5471.
<b>September 13, 2019:</b> 2111.	<b>October 27, 2020:</b> 5517.
<b>September 17, 2019:</b> 2150, 2154.	<b>October 30, 2020:</b> 5532, 5533.
<b>October 1, 2019:</b> 2402.	<b>December 3, 2020:</b> EC-5748.
<b>October 4, 2019:</b> 2462.	<b>December 4, 2020:</b> EC-5790.
<b>October 11, 2019:</b> 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537.	<b>December 7, 2020:</b> EC-5839, EC-5843, EC-5844.
<b>October 15, 2016:</b> 2583.	<b>December 8, 2020:</b> EC-5891.
<b>October 29, 2019:</b> 2775, 2776, 2777, 2779, 2783.	

**Note:** During the 116th Congress there began to be a discrepancy in the publication in the *Congressional Record* concerning the referral of Executive Communications to the House Committee on Agriculture. The Committee began tracking the published referrals of Executive Communications sent to the Senate Committee on Ag-

<sup>2</sup>This E.C. was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.



riculture, Nutrition, and Forestry (as there is a large overlap in jurisdictional areas). Over the course of the year the House Clerk's, Parliamentarian's, and Speaker's offices were notified of this issue. As the Congress continued most of the outstanding Executive Communications were published in the *Congressional Record* and subsequently referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. As of the publication of this activities report there are still Executive Communications that have not been published in the House section of the Congressional Record, or been referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

The following is a list of the Executive Communication's numbers along with the date of publication in the Senate section of the *Congressional Record*:

**Issuing Agencies:**

<i>Department of Agriculture:</i>	
Food and Nutrition Service .....	3
Rural Utilities Service .....	2
U.S. Forest Service .....	1
<i>Commodity Futures Trading Commission</i> .....	11
<i>Environmental Protection Agency</i> .....	1
<i>Farm Credit Administration</i> .....	1
<b>Total not received</b> .....	<b>19</b>

**September 24, 2020:** EC-5562, EC-5563.

**September 29, 2020:** EC-5575.

**November 10, 2020:** EC-5779, EC-5781, EC-5782.

**November 18, 2020:** EC-5905.

**December 10, 2020:** EC-6077, EC-6078, EC-6079, EC-6100, EC-6101.

**December 11, 2020:** EC-6102.

**December 19, 2020:** EC-6171, EC-6172, EC-6173, EC-6175, EC-6177, EC-6178.

(The phrase [pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868)] has been removed to avoid duplication.)

**E.C. 303—Mar. 5, 2019:** A letter from the PRAO Branch Chief, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Eligibility, Certification, and Training Provisions of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 [FNS 2011-0008] (RIN: 0584-AE54) received March 4, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 329—Mar. 7, 2019:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Subpart Nomenclature Change [Doc. No.: APHIS-2018-0070] received March 6, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 330—Mar. 7, 2019:** A letter from the Director, Issuances Staff, OPPD/FSIS/USDA, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Eliminating Unnecessary Requirements for Hog Carcass Cleaning [Doc. No.: FSIS-2018-0005] (RIN: 0583-AD68) received March 6, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 588—Apr. 2, 2019:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Scrapie in Sheep and Goats [Doc. No.: APHIS-2007-0127] (RIN: 0579-AC92) received March 29, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 609—Apr. 4, 2019:** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s interim final rule—Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants (RIN: 3038–AE85) received April 3, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 610—Apr. 4, 2019:** A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Department’s final rule—*De Minimis* Exception to the Swap Dealer Definition—Swaps Entered into by Insured Depository Institutions in Connection with Loans to Customers (RIN: 3038–AE68) received April 3, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 659—Apr. 9, 2019:** A letter from the Director, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Elimination of the Requirement That Livestock Carcasses Be Marked “U.S. Inspected and Passed” at the Time of Inspection Within a Slaughter Establishment for Carcasses To Be Further Processed Within the Same Establishment [Doc. No.: FSIS 2018–0019] (RIN: 0583–AD69) received April 8, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 707—Apr. 12, 2019:** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Segregation of Assets Held as Collateral in Uncleared Swap Transactions (RIN: 3038–AE78) received April 8, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 708—Apr. 12, 2019:** A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Financial Surveillance Examination Program Requirements for Self-Regulatory Organizations (RIN: 3038–AE73) received April 8, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 792—Apr. 29, 2019:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—*Phytophthora ramorum*; Regulated Areas, Regulated Establishments, and Testing Protocols [Doc. No.: APHIS–2015–0101] (RIN: 0579–AE30) received April 22, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 793—Apr. 29, 2019:** A letter from the PRAO Branch Chief, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Student Eligibility, Convicted Felons, Lottery and Gambling, and State Verification Provisions of the Agricultural Act of 2014 [FNS 2015–0038] (RIN: 0584–AE41) received April 22, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 917—May 8, 2019:** A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Privacy of Consumer Financial Information—Amendment To Conform Regulations to the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (RIN: 3038–AE80) received May 2, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 940—May 8, 2019:** A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture, Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture, transmitting proposed draft bills and section-by-section analyses for the Wildfire Risk Reduction and

Vegetation Restoration Activities Act, the Forest and Rangeland Catastrophic Event and Infrastructure Management Improvement Act, and the Sage-Grouse and Mule Deer Habitat Conservation and Restoration Act; jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**E.C. 1093—May 24, 2019:** A letter from the Program and Management Analyst, USDA/FPAC/BC Regulatory Review Group, Natural Resources Conservation Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major interim rule—Miscellaneous Conservation Provisions [Doc. No.: USDA-2019-0005] (RIN: 0578-AA69) received May 23, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 1325—Jun. 18, 2019:** A letter from the Director, Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Eligibility of Honduras To Export Poultry Products to the United States [Doc. No.: FSIS-2017-0026] (RIN: 0583-AD58) received June 13, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 1326—Jun. 18, 2019:** A letter from the Deputy Secretary, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACU) Certification Process (RIN: 0524-AA39) received June 13, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 1515—Jul. 5, 2019:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Plant Pest Regulations [Doc. No.: APHIS-2008-0076] (RIN: 0579-AC98) received July 2, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 1576—Jul. 11, 2019:** A letter from the FPAC-BC, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major final rule—Dairy Margin Coverage Program and Dairy Indemnity Payment Program [Doc. No.: CCC-2019-0004] (RIN: 0560-A137) received July 9, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 1752—Jul. 24, 2019:** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Streamlining Electric Program Procedures (RIN: 0572-AC40) received July 18, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 1781—Jul. 30, 2019:** A letter from the FPAC-BC, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Emergency Conservation Program [Doc. No.: FSA-2019-0006] (RIN: 0560-AI46) received July 25, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 1805—Aug. 2, 2019:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule-making action—Notification of Decision To Authorize the Importation of Fresh Raspberry Fruit From Morocco Into the Continental United States [Doc. No.: APHIS-2015-0053] received July 26, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 1891—Aug. 20, 2019:** A letter from the Office of Procurement and Property Management, Chief, Environmental Management Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the De-

partment's final rule—Designation of Product Categories for Federal Procurement (RIN: 0599-AA26) received August 12, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 1892—Aug. 20, 2019:** A letter from the Farm Production and Conservation—BC, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major final rule—Trade Mitigation Program (RIN: 0560-AI51) received August 12, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 1936—Aug. 27, 2019:** A letter from the Director, Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Preparation of Uninspected Products Outside of the Hours of Inspectional Supervision [Doc. No.: FSIS 2016-0032] (RIN: 0583-AD66) received August 14, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2140—Sep. 17, 2019:** A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's proposed rule—Organization; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Investment Eligibility (RIN: 3052-AD35), September 5, 2019 to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2170—Sep. 18, 2019:** A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's proposed rule—Implementation of the Current Expected Credit Losses Methodology for Allowances, Related Adjustments to the Tier 1/Tier 2 Capital Rule, and Conforming Amendments (RIN: 3052-AD36) received September 5, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2227—Sep. 24, 2019:** A letter from the PRAO Branch Chief, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: Revisions to the Administrative Match Requirement [FNS-2019-0031] (RIN: 0584-AE74) received September 10, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2310—Sep. 26, 2019:** A letter from the Farm Production and Conservation Business Center, Commodity Credit Corporation/Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs [Doc. ID: FSA-2019-0008] (RIN: 0650-AI45) received September 17, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2448—Oct. 4, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; Livestock and Poultry Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendments to the Regulations Governing Meats, Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards) [No. AMS-LP-16-0080] received September 25, [2019], to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2519—Oct. 11, 2019:** A letter from the FPAC-BC, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Agricultural Disaster Indemnity Programs [Doc. ID: FSA-2019-0012] (RIN: 0560-AI52) received October 2, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2520—Oct. 11, 2019:** A letter from the PRAO Branch Chief, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Delayed Implementation of

Grains Ounce Equivalents in the Child and Adult Care Food Program [FNS-2019-0005] (RIN: 0584-AE65) received October 2, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2521—Oct. 11, 2019:** A letter from the Director, Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modernization of Swine Slaughter Inspection [Doc. No.: FSIS-2016-0017] (RIN: 0583-AD62) received October 2, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2576—Oct. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Position Limits and Position Accountability for Security Futures Products (RIN: 3038-AE61) received October 3, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2577—Oct. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Redistricting and Reapportionment of Producer Districts [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-19-0011; SC19-966-2 FR] received October 3, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2578—Oct. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Amendments to Marketing Order 981 [AMS-SC-18-0018; SC18-981-3] received October 3, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2579—Oct. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Promotion and Economics Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Softwood Lumber Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order; Change in Membership, Nominations, Procedures, and Continuance Referenda Period [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-19-0015] received October 3, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2580—Oct. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Promotion and Economics Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Processed Raspberry Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Termination [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-19-0047] received October 3, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2633—Oct. 16, 2019:** A letter from the General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's proposed rule—Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities (RIN: 3052-AD38) received October 2, 2019, jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Financial Services.

**E.C. 2635—Oct. 17, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Specialty Crops Inspection Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—U.S. Standards for Grades of Apples [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-18-0055, SC-18-330] received October 15, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2636—Oct. 17, 2019:** A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, MRFSPD, Office of the General Counsel, Department of

Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rules of Practice and Procedure Governing Formal Rulemaking Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary received October 15, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2637—Oct. 17, 2019:** A letter from the PRAO Branch Chief, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—The Emergency Food Assistance Program: Implementation of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 [FNS-2019-0013] (RIN: 0584-AE73) received October 15, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2680—Oct. 21, 2019:** A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's notification of its 2019 compensation program adjustments, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2693—Oct. 21, 2019:** A letter from the Director, OCFO—Transparency and Accountability Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension [0505-AA17] received October 10, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2754—Oct. 24, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Services, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, *et al.*; Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2018–19 Crop Year and Revision of Grower Diversion Requirements for Tart Cherries [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-18-0083; SC19-930-1 FR] received October 22, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2829—Oct. 31, 2019:** A letter from the Director RMD, RD Innovation Center, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rural Development Environmental Regulation for Rural Infrastructure [RUS-18-Agency-0005, RBS-18-None-0029, RHS-18-None-0026] (RIN: 0572-AC44) received October 30, 2019, jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Financial Services.

**E.C. 2881—Nov. 12, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Establishment of a Milk Donation Reimbursement Program [Doc. No.: AMS-DA-19-0001] (RIN: 0581-AD87) received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2910—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Milk Marketing Orders—Amending the Class I Skim Milk Price Formula; Correction [Doc. No.: AMS-DA-18-0096] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2911—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Milk Marketing Orders—Amending the Class I Skim Milk Price Formula [Doc. No.: AMS-DA-18-0096] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2912—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Federal Grain Inspection Service, De-

partment of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's direct final rule—Removal of Specific Fee Reference [Doc. No.: AMS-FGIS-18-0063] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2913—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's temporary rule—Olives Grown in California; Establish Procedures To Meet Via Electronic Communications [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-18-0061; SC18-932-1 FR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2914—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Change in Committee Structure for Processed Pears [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-18-0078; SC19-927-1 FR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2915—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the State of New York; Amendment to Marketing Order 929 and Referendum Order [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-18-0017; SC18-929-3 FR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2916—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Order Amending Marketing Order 959 [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-17-0067; SC17-959-4] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2917—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Legislative and Regulatory Review, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Reorganization and Transfer of Regulations [Doc. No.: AMS-FGIS-18-0073 FR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2918—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard [Doc. No.: AMS-TM-17-0050] (RIN: 0581-AD54) received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2919—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Livestock and Poultry Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information; Beef Promotion and Research; Amendments To Allow Redirection of State Assessments to the National Program [No.: AMS-LPS-13-0083] (RIN: 0581-AD49) received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2920—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Depart-

ment of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 2019–2020 Marketing Year [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–18–0084; SC19–985–1 FR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2921—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Modification of the Handling Regulations for Area No. 2 [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–18–0067; SC18–948–2 FR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2922—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Increased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–19–0026; SC19–985–2 FR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2923—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Livestock and Poultry Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Voluntary Grading of Meats, Prepared Meats, Meat Products, Shell Eggs, Poultry Products, and Rabbit Products [Doc. No.: AMS–LP–18–0095] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2924—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Pecans Grown in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas; Revision of Reporting Requirements [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–18–0019; SC18–986–1 FR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2925—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Director, Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Eligibility of Thailand To Export Siluriformes Fish and Fish Products to the United States [Doc. No.: FSIS–2018–0031] (RIN: 0583–AD74) received November 6, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2926—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Director Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Eligibility of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam To Export Siluriformes Fish and Fish Products to the United States [Doc. No.: FSIS–2018–0029] (RIN: 0583–AD74) received November 6, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2927—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Director, Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Eligibility of the People's Republic of China To Export Siluriformes Fish and Fish Products to the United States [Doc. No.: FSIS–2018–0030] (RIN:



0583–AD73) received November 6, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2928—Nov. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Department of Agriculture, Specialty Crops Program, Specialty Crops Inspection Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Removal of U.S. Grade Standards [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–18–0081, SC–19–329] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2956—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Reauthorization of Dairy Forward Pricing Program [Doc. No.: AMS–DA–18–0097] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2957—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, National Organic Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Organic Program; Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Crops, Livestock and Handling) [Doc. No.: AMS–NOP–14–0079; NOP–14–05] (RIN: 0581–AD60) received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2958—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sweet Onions Grown in the Walla Walla Valley of Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon; Amendments to Marketing Order 956 [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–18–0028; SC–18–956–1] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2959—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2018–2019 Marketing Year [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–17–0073; SC18–985–1A FR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2960—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–18–0105; SC19–932–1 FR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2961—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Pummelos Grown in Florida and Imported Grapefruit; Change in Grade and Size Requirements [Doc. [No.]: AMS–SC–18–0046, SC–18–905–3 FR] November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2962—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Increased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–18–0058; SC18–

987–1 FR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2963—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–18–0069; SC18–989–1 FR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2964—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Pummelos Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–18–0065, SC18–905–4 FR] November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2965—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Southeastern States; Termination of Marketing Order 953 [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–18–0037; SC18–953–1 FR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2966—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, National Organic Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Organic Program: Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances for 2017 NOSB Recommendations (Livestock and Handling) [Doc. No.: AMS–NOP–17–0080; NOP–17–09] (RIN: 0581–AD78) received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2967—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Promotion and Economics Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order; Reallocation of Council Membership [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–18–0009] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2968—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Promotion and Economics Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Paper and Paper-Based Packaging Promotion, Research and Information Order; Change in Membership and Nominations [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–18–0072] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2969—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Promotion and Economics Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Processed Raspberry Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Termination of Assessments [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–18–0093] November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2970—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Promotion and Economics Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mango Promotion, Research and Information Order; Amendment To Include Frozen Mangos [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–17–0002] November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2971—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Promotion and Economics Division, Depart-

ment of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Honey Packers and Importers Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order; Change in Membership [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-18-0016] November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2972—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Specialty Crops Inspection Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Affirmation of interim rule as final rule—Removal of U.S. Grade Standards [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-18-0081, SC-19-329] November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2973—Nov. 15, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Specialty Crops Inspection Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products Inspection, Certification and Standards and Processed Fruits and Vegetables, Processed Products Thereof, and Certain Other Processed Food Products; Removal of Power of Attorney and Other Administrative Changes [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-16-0106] November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2976—Nov. 18, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's interim final rule—Establishment of a Domestic Hemp Production Program [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-19-0042; SC19-990-2 IR] received November 7, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 2977—Nov. 18, 2019:** A letter from the Director, Issuances Staff, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Eligibility of the People's Republic of China (PRC) To Export to the United States Poultry Products From Birds Slaughtered in the PRC [Doc. No.: FSIS-2016-0002] (RIN: 0583-AD64) received November 12, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3006—Nov. 19, 2019:** A letter from the FPAC-BC, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's interim rule—Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Interim Rule [Doc. No.: NRCS-2019-0020] (RIN: 0578-AA67) received November 13, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3052—Nov. 21, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Modification of Handling Regulations [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-18-0075; SC19-966-1 FR] received November 20, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3053—Nov. 21, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, National Organic Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—National Organic Program; Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances per April 2018 NOSB Recommendations (Crops and Handling) [Doc. No.: AMS-NOP-18-0051; NOP-18-02] (RIN: 0581 AD80) received November 20, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3054—Nov. 21, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Cotton and Tobacco Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's direct final rule—Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports (2019 Amendments) [Doc. No.: AMS-CN-19-0007] received November 20, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3122—Nov. 26, 2019:** A letter from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budget and Performance Plan, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867); jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Oversight and Reform.

**E.C. 3126—Nov. 29, 2019:** A letter from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the 2018 Annual Report on the Farm Credit Administration; jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Oversight and Reform.

**E.C. 3127—Dec. 3, 2019:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Swine Health Protection Act; Amendments to Garbage Feeding Regulations [Doc. No.: APHIS-2018-0067] (RIN: 0579-AE50) received November 25, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3158—Dec. 4, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Dried Prunes Produced in California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-19-0056; SC19-993-1 FR] received December 2, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3159—Dec. 4, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Revisions to the Accepted User Program Requirements and New Information Collection [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-18-0099; SC19-981-1 FR] received December 2, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3187—Dec. 5, 2019:** A letter from the Director, Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Publication Method for Lists of Foreign Countries Eligible To Export Meat, Poultry, or Egg Products to the United States [Doc. No.: FSIS-2018-0027] (RIN: 0583-AD72) received December 2, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3297—Dec. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Deputy Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rules—Registration and Compliance Requirements for Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors: Registered Investment Companies, Business Development Companies, and Definition of Reporting Person (RIN: 3038-AE-76-P) received December 11, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3298—Dec. 13, 2019:** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commis-

sion's final rule—Registration and Compliance Requirements for Commodity Pool Operators (CPOs) and Commodity Trading Advisors: Family Offices and Exempt CPOs (RIN: 3038-AE76) received December 11, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3299—Dec. 13, 2019:** A letter from the PRAO Branch Chief, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major final rule—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Requirements for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents [FNS-2018-0004] (RIN: 0584-AE57) received December 11, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3302—Dec. 14, 2019:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-19-0049; SC19-923-1 FR] received December 11, 2019, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3514—Jan. 13, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Public Rulemaking Procedures (RIN: 3038-AE90) received January 8, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3539—Jan. 14, 2020:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Science and Technology Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Regulations and Procedures Under the Plant Variety Protection Act [Doc. No.: AMS-ST-19-004] received January 13, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3540—Jan. 14, 2020:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Increased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-19-0048; SC16-922-1 FR] received January 13, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3541—Jan. 14, 2020:** A letter from the FPAC-BC, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major interim rule—Agricultural Conservation Easement Program [Doc. No.: NRCS-2019-0006] (RIN: 0578-AA66) received January 13, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3542—Jan. 14, 2020:** A letter from the FPAC-BC, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major interim rule—Environmental Quality Incentives Program [Doc. No.: NRCS-2019-0009] (RIN: 0578-AA68) received January 13, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3543—Jan. 14, 2020:** A letter from the Administrator, Livestock and Poultry Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's direct final rule—Beef Promotion and Research Rules and Regulations [Doc. No.: AMS-LP-19-0054] received January 13, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3544—Jan. 14, 2020:** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Advanced Biofuel Payment Program

(RIN: 0570-AA75) received January 13, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3652—Jan. 28, 2020:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final interpretive rule—User Fees for Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection Services [Doc. No.: APHIS-2013-0021] (RIN: 0579-AD77) received January 17, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3678—Jan. 30, 2020:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Approval of Laboratories To Conduct Official Testing; Consolidation of Regulations [Doc. No.: APHIS-2016-0054] (RIN: 0579-AE46) received January 28, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3826—Feb. 13, 2020:** A letter from the Board Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget and Performance Plan, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867); jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Oversight and Reform.

**E.C. 3857—Feb. 25, 2020:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nomenclature Changes; Technical Amendment [Doc. No.: AMS-LRRS-19-0099] received February 18, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3858—Feb. 25, 2020:** A letter from the Regulatory Officer, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops Program (RIN: 0551-AA98) received February 20, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3859—Feb. 25, 2020:** A letter from the Regulatory Officer, Foreign Agriculture Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Foreign Market Development Program (RIN: 0551-AA96) received February 20, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3860—Feb. 25, 2020:** A letter from the Regulatory Officer, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Market Access Program (RIN: 0551-AA97) received February 20, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3861—Feb. 25, 2020:** A letter from the Regulatory Officer, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Emerging Markets Program (RIN: 0551-AA95) received February 20, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3906—Feb. 27, 2020:** A letter from the Management Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Conveyance of Small Tracts (RIN: 0596-AD40) received February 14, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3936—Feb. 28, 2020:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Federal Grain Inspection Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final

rule—Fees for Rice Inspection Services and Removal of Specific Fee References [Doc. No.: AMS–FGIS–18–0088] (RIN: 0581–AD85) received February 25, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3937—Feb. 28, 2020:** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Team, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s interim Major final rule—Rural Broadband Loans, Loan/Grant Combinations, and Loan Guarantees [Doc. No.: RUS–19–Telecom–0003] (RIN: 0572–AC46) received February 26, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3938—Feb. 28, 2020:** A letter from the FPAC–BC, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s interim rule—Regional Conservation Partnership Program [Doc. No.: NRCS–2019–0012] (RIN: 0578–AA70) received February 26, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3939—Feb. 28, 2020:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—National Veterinary Accreditation Program [Doc. No.: APHIS–2017–0065] (RIN: 0579–AE40) received February 26, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 3940—Feb. 28, 2020:** A letter from the General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration’s proposed rule—Amortization Limits (RIN: 3052–AC92) received February 26, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 4037—Mar. 5, 2020:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Lacey Act Implementation Plan: De Minimis Exception [Doc. No.: APHIS–2013–0055] (RIN: 0579–AD44) received March 3, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 4066—Mar. 9, 2020:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Establishment of Regulations for the Evaluation and Recognition of the Animal Health Status of Compartments [Doc. No.: APHIS–2017–0105] (RIN: 0579–AE43) received March 5, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 4113—Mar. 11, 2020:** A letter from the FPAC–BC, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Programs [Doc. No.: FSA–2019–0011] (RIN: 0560–AI50) received March 10, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 4184—Mar. 27, 2020:** A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Special Servicing of Telecommunications Programs Loans for Financially Distressed Borrowers (RIN: 0572–AC41) received March 17, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 4195—Apr. 3, 2020:** A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, *et al.*; Decreased Assess-

ment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS–SC–19–0091; SC19–930–3 FR] received March 17, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 4325—May 14, 2020:** A letter from the Deputy Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Foreign Futures and Options Transactions (RIN: 3038–AR86) received April 23, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 4326—May 14, 2020:** A letter from the Director, Office of Ethics, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of Agriculture [Doc. No.: USDA–2019–0005] (RIN: 3209–AA48) received April 23, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 4533—Jun. 22, 2020:** A letter from the Program Analyst, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Land Uses; Special Uses; Streamlining Processing of Communications Use Applications (RIN: 0596–AD38) received June 1, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 4927—Aug. 11, 2020:** A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Movement of Certain Genetically Engineered Organisms [Doc. No.: APHIS–2018–0034] (RIN: 0579–AE47) received July 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 5010—Aug. 21, 2020:** A letter from the Management Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Land Uses; Special Uses; Procedures for Operating Plans and Agreements for Powerline Facility Maintenance and Vegetation Management Within and Abutting the Linear Boundary of a Special Use Authorization for a Powerline Facility (RIN: 0596–AD36) received July 23, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 5075—Aug. 25, 2020:** A letter from the Chief, APHIS Regulatory Analysis and Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Animal Welfare; Amendments to Licensing Provisions and to Requirements for Dogs [Doc. No.: APHIS–2017–0062] (RIN: 0579–AE35) received July 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**E.C. 5249—Sep. 14, 2020:** A letter from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation’s annual report for calendar year 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC–5410—Oct. 6, 2020:**<sup>3</sup> A letter from the Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s investigative report of the Forest Service (FS) fatality that occurred in the Frog Fire in Modoc County, California, on July 30, 2015, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2270c; Public Law 107–203, Sec. 2; (116 Stat. 744); to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC–5440—Oct. 16, 2020:** A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the

<sup>3</sup>The *Congressional Record* began adding the identifier “EC–” to Executive Communications beginning October 6, 2020.



Administration's notification of its 2020 compensation program adjustments, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1833b(a); Public Law 101-73, Sec. 1206(a); (103 Stat. 523); to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5483—Oct. 23, 2020:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Brucellosis and Bovine Tuberculosis: Importation of Cattle and Bison [Doc. No.: APHIS-2011-0044] (RIN: 0579-AD65) received October 13, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5484—Oct. 23, 2020:** A letter from the General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—District Financial Reporting (RIN: 3052-AD37) received October 13, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5485—Oct. 23, 2020:** A letter from the General Counsel, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Amortization Limits (RIN: 3052-AC92) received October 13, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5613—Nov. 17, 2020:** A letter from the Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs, Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's Major final rule—Capital Requirements of Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants (RIN: 3038-AD54) received November 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5614—Nov. 17, 2020:** A letter from the Chief of Staff, Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's Major final rule—Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests in, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds (RIN: 3038-AE93) received November 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5615—Nov. 17, 2020:** A letter from the Administrator, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Rural Development—RBCS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Major interim final rule—Guaranteed Loanmaking and Servicing Regulations [Doc. No.: RBS-20-BUSINESS-0016] (RIN: 0570-AB07) received November 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5629—Nov. 18, 2020:** A letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Egg Products Inspection Regulations [Doc. No.: FSIS-2005-0015] (RIN: 0583-AC58) received November 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5672—Nov. 27, 2020:** A letter from the Management Analyst, Business Office, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Conveyance of Small Tracts (RIN: 0596-AD41) received November 4, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5673—Nov. 27, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Post-Trade Name Give-Up on Swap Execution Facilities (RIN: 3038-AE79) received November 4, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5674—Nov. 27, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmit-

ting the Commission’s final rules—Registration and Compliance Requirements for Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors: Prohibiting Exemptions Under Regulation 4.13 on Behalf of Persons Subject to Certain Statutory Disqualifications (RIN: 3038–AE76) received November 4, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5728—Dec. 3, 2020:** A letter from the Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s investigative report of the three Forest Service (FS) fatalities that occurred during the Twisp River Fire outside of Twisp, Washington on August 19, 2015, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2270c; Public Law 107–203, Sec. 2; (116 Stat. 744); to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5729—Dec. 3, 2020:** A letter from the Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting a report of the Climate—Related Market Risk Subcommittee, Market Risk Advisory Committee entitled “Managing Climate Risk in the U.S. Financial System”; to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5730—Dec. 3, 2020:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions [Doc. No.: APHIS–2018–0062] (RIN: 0579–AE49) received November 4, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5731—Dec. 3, 2020:** A letter from the Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Rural Development—Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Request for comments on Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) (RIN: 0572–AC45) received November 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5732—Dec. 3, 2020:** A letter from the Regulations Management Division, Rural Development—Innovation Center, Rural Business Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program [Doc. No.: RBS–20–BUSINESS–0015] (RIN: 0570–AA73) received November 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5733—Dec. 3, 2020:** A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule—Tolerance Crop Grouping Program V [EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0766; FRL–10015–19] (RIN: 2070–AJ28) received November 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5734—Dec. 3, 2020:** A letter from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the 2019 annual report of the Farm Credit Administration; to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5782—Dec. 4, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s interim final rule—Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants [RIN: 3038–AF02] received November 4, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5783—Dec. 4, 2020:** A letter from the Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s Major final rule—Position Limits for De-

rivatives (RIN: 3038-AD99) received December 2, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5818—Dec. 7, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Retail Commodity Transactions Regarding Certain Digital Assets (RIN: 3038-AE62) received November 4, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5819—Dec. 7, 2020:** A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants (RIN: 3038-AE89) received November 4, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5820—Dec. 7, 2020:** A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants (RIN: 3038-AE77) received November 4, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5821—Dec. 7, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Exemption from the Swap Clearing Requirement for Certain Affiliated Entities—Alternative Compliance Frameworks for Anti-Evasionary Measures (RIN: 3038-AE92) received November 4, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5822—Dec. 7, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Privacy of Consumer Financial Information (RIN: 3038-AE91) received November 4, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5823—Dec. 7, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures [Trading] Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Cross-Border Application of the Registration Thresholds and Certain Requirements Applicable to Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants (RIN: 3038-AE84) received November 4, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5824—Dec. 7, 2020:** A letter from the Regulations Management Division, Rural Development—Innovation Center, Rural Development Agencies—RBCS-RHS and RUS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Authority To Enable Funding of Broadband and Smart Utility Facilities Across Select Rural Development Programs [Doc. Nos.: RUS-20-TELECOM-0022] (RIN: 0572-AC50) received November 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5825—Dec. 7, 2020:** A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Deregulation of Pine Shoot Beetle [Doc. No.: APHIS-2016-0065] (RIN: 0579-AE41) received November 4, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5826—Dec. 7, 2020:** A letter from the Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Commodity Supplemental Food Program: Implementation of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 [FNS-2019-0006] (RIN: 0584-AE66) received November 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5827—Dec. 7, 2020:** A letter from the Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (PEBT) Integrity [FNS-2020-0028] (RIN: 0584-AE80) received November 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5828—Dec. 7, 2020:** A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Pesticides; Agricultural Worker Protection Standard; Revision of the Application Exclusion Zone Requirements [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0543; FRL-10016-03] (RIN: 2070-AK49) received November 4, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5829—Dec. 7, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Registration With Alternative Compliance for Non-U.S. Derivatives Clearing Organizations (RIN: 3038-AE87) received November 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5883—Dec. 8, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's joint final rule—Customer Margin Rules Relating to Security Futures (RIN: 3038-AE88) received December 2, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5928—Dec. 9, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Swap Data Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements (RIN: 3038-AE31) received December 2, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5929—Dec. 9, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendments to Regulations Relating to Certain Swap Data Repository and Data Reporting Requirements (RIN: 3038-AE32) received December 2, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5930—Dec. 9, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Real-Time Public Reporting Requirements (RIN: 3038-AE60) received December 2, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5931—Dec. 9, 2020:** A letter from the Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Child Nutrition Programs: Rescission of Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Flexibilities: Notice of Vacatur [FNS-2020-0037] (RIN: 0584-AE84) received December 2, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-5932—Dec. 9, 2020:** A letter from the Secretary, Division of Clearing and Risk; Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Swap Clearing Requirement Exemptions (RIN: 3038-AE33) received December 2, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC-6009—Dec. 28, 2020:** A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers

and Major Swap Participants (RIN: 3038–AF06) received December 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

**EC–6010—Dec. 28, 2020:** A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule—Electronic Trading Risk Principles (RIN: 3038–AF04) received December 16, 2020, to the Committee on Agriculture.

#### B. STATUTORY REPORTS AND SPECIAL REPORTS

**House Budget Committee:** Letter regarding the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act (PAYGO). February 4, 2019.

**USDA:** 2016 Report to Congress describing the activities of the Dairy and Fluid Milk Promotion Programs, in accordance with the Dairy Product Stabilization Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 4514) and the Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6407). February 22, 2019.

**IRS:** Letter from IRS Commissioner Charles P. Rettig responding to Chairman Peterson’s letter to the IRS dated February 21, 2019, asking for relief from additions to tax for farmers who underpaid their estimated income tax. March 1, 2019.

**USDOC:** Report to Congress on the export licensing actions taken by the Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry and Security relating to exports and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from October 1 through December 31, 2018 as required by Section 906(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA) (Title IX of P.L. 106–387). March 1, 2019.

**NRLA:** Letter from the National Rural Lenders Association to the Chairman listing priority issues for consideration by Congress in 2019. March 5, 2019.

**FCA:** Agency’s proposed budget and performance plan for Fiscal Year 2020. March 11, 2019.

**FCA:** Letter regarding the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) working together with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Federal Housing Finance Agency (collectively with the FCA, the “prudential regulators”) to enact regulations that implement sections 731(e) and 764(e) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act). March 11, 2019.

**USDA:** Report by the Risk Management Agency as required by Section 508(a)(6)(B) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act entitled “Specialty Crop Report”. March 18, 2019.

**FCA:** 2018 Annual Report required under the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) summarizing many of FCA’s advancements in incorporating equal employment opportunity in the performance of its mission to serve U.S. agriculture and rural America during the 2018 Fiscal Year. March 29, 2019.

**FCSIC:** 2018 Annual Report of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC) required under the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) during Fiscal Year 2018. March 29, 2019.

**USDA:** 2017 annual report to Congress on factors that affect the export of specialty crops, in accordance with Section 3203 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. April 16, 2019.

**USDOS:** Report on Efforts by Mexico to Meet its Treaty Deliveries of Water to the Rio Grande, in accordance with the Treaty between the United States and Mexico, and in accordance with the requirement set forth in Section 12310 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (P.L. 113–79) and consistent with section 7019(e) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2019 (Div. F, P.L. 116–6) and Senate Report 115–282. April 19, 2019.

**USAID and USDA:** The U.S. International Food Assistance Report FY 2017 required by Section 407 of the Food for Peace Act, as amended by Section 3010 of the Agricultural Act of 2014. April 26, 2019.

**EPA:** Fiscal Year 2018 annual report prepared in accordance with Section 203 of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), P.L. 107–174. May 1, 2019.

**USDA:** 2017 Packers and Stockyards Division Annual Report that provides information responsive to the requirement in the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended. May 16, 2019.

**USDA:** Report to Congress on the USDA Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement Program, in accordance with Section 3206 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, as amended by Section 3311 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. May 20, 2019.

**FCA:** Semiannual report prepared by the Inspector General of the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) for the period of October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019, pursuant to section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. May 20, 2019.

**DOI:** Interior estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs for each fiscal year (FY) during the first weeks of March, May, and July as required by the Federal Land Assistance, Management, and Enhancement (FLAME) Act of 2009 (Title V of Division A of P.L. 111–88). Second forecast of FY 2019 submitted. May 21, 2019.

**USAID:** Report on international food-assistance programs for Fiscal Year 2018 as required by Section 407 of the Food for Peace Act, as amended by Section 3112 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. May 31, 2019.

**USAID:** Semiannual report prepared the by the Office of Inspector General at the USAID for the period of October 31, 2018, to March 31, 2019. May 31, 2019. (need report)

**DOI:** Interior estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs for each fiscal year (FY) during the first weeks of March, May, and July as required by the Federal Land Assistance, Management, and Enhancement (FLAME) Act of 2009 (Title V of Division A of P.L. 111–88). Third forecast of FY 2019 submitted. June 13, 2019.

**USDA:** Report to examining the effects of a potential research and promotion program on the natural stone industry as directed by Section 12613 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115–334) June 26, 2019.

**USDA:** Annual report required by Section 4022 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (P.L. 113–79 on Supplemental Nutrition Assist-

ance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) pilot projects. June 26, 2019. (need report)

**GAO:** Pursuant to section 801(a)(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code, a report on a major rule promulgated by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) entitled “Dairy Margin Coverage Program and Dairy Indemnity Payment Program”. July 8, 2019.

**FCSIC:** Annual report for calendar year 2018 of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation in accordance with section 5.64 of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended. July 9, 2019.

**USDA:** Letter from USDA responding to the Chairman’s letter concerning the transfer of operations and oversight of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers (CCC) to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). July 9, 2019.

**AAF:** Letter from the Alberta Minister of Agriculture and Forestry concerning Country-of-Origin Labeling (COOL) and USMCA. July 15, 2019.

**USDA:** Report, as required by Section 2409 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 and prepared by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, providing the number of wetlands with an area not more than 1 acre delineated in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa during Fiscal Years 2014 through 2018. July 18, 2019.

**USDA:** Report required by Section 1613 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to submit an Equitable Relief Report by February 1 of each year to the House Committee on Agriculture and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. July 19, 2019.

**USDA:** Report to Congress on factors that affect the export of specialty crops, in accordance with Section 203 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978, as amended by the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2019. July 23, 2019.

**DOI:** Estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs for each fiscal year during the first weeks of March, May, and July, as required by the Federal Land Assistance Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act of 2009 (Title V of Division A of P.L. 111–88). July 23, 2019.

**FCA:** Proposed amendments to title 12, chapter VI of the Code of Federal Regulations as promulgated by the FCA. July 24, 2019. (Note to file: The letter is dated incorrectly July 24, 2018. Based on staff initials it was received May 8, 2019.)

**USDA:** Joint report on Wildfire, Insect Infestation, and Disease Prevention on Federal Land developed by the USDA Forest Service with input from the U.S. Department of Interior, as required in Section 8706 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–1072). July 31, 2019.

**USDOC:** Report to Congress on the export licensing actions taken by the Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry (BIS) relating to exports and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from April 1 through June 30, 2019, per Section 7205(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA), 22 U.S.C. §§ 7201–7211. August 1, 2019.

**GAO:** Report to Congress pursuant to section 801(a)(2)(A) of title 5, U.S. Code, on a major rule promulgated by USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) entitled "Civil Penalties" (RIN: 0560-AI51) related to Trade Mitigation Program. August 12, 2019.

**USDA:** Letter from USDA's Forest Service transmitting a response to the requirement in the Forest Service Facility Realignment and Enhancement Act, enacted on August 2, 2005 as Title V of the FY 2006 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (P.L. 109-54). August 12, 2019.

**FCA:** Proposed amendments to title 12, chapter VI of the Code of Federal Regulations to amend its investment regulations to allow Farm Credit System (FCS) associations to purchase and hold the portion of certain loans that non-FCS lenders originate and sell in the secondary market, and that the USDA unconditionally guarantees or insures as to the timely payment of principal and interest. August 14, 2019.

**FCA:** Proposed amendments to title 12, chapter VI of the Code of Federal Regulations on a proposal to address changes to our capital and other regulations, including certain regulatory disclosure requirements, in response to recent changes in the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. August 14, 2019.

**DOI:** Biennial report for the period October 1, 2014–September 30, 2016 submitted under 906(c) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (the "Act") discussing the operation of the licensing system set forth in 906(a)(1) of the Act with respect to the exportation of agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical devices to Iran and Sudan. August 15, 2019.

**USDA:** Report in response to the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, Section 7607 of the Act, "Collection of Data Relating to the Size and Location of Dairy Farms," calls for an update of the ERS report "Profits, Costs, and the Changing Structure of Dairy Farming." August 15, 2019.

**Congress of the United States:** Letter from lead sponsors Earl Blumenauer (OR), Vern Buchanan (FL), Brad Sherman (CA), and Tony Cárdenas (CA) of the Parity in Animal Cruelty Enforcement (PACE) Act which was included in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-334) supporting implementation of this provision on the timetable directed in the statute. August 15, 2019.

**IAC:** Letter from the Intertribal Agriculture Council regarding Ag Credit in Indian Country, with a specific focus on the Farm Credit System of lenders. August 16, 2019.

**USDA:** Letter from USDA regarding a plan to close a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRC) stand-alone field office in Mayo, Florida. August 20, 2019.

**FFAR:** Strategic plan of the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) as requested by the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. August 21, 2019.

**USDA:** Report to Congress on the importation of live dogs into the United States as directed in Title XII, Section 12509, of the Agriculture Improvement act of 2018. August 23, 2019.

**USDA:** Report from the Office of the Chief Economist on the Update of 2019 FSA Acreage Data and FAQs on USDA Acreage. August 27, 2019.



**EPA:** Charter renewing the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Advisory Board in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. August 28, 2019.

**USDA:** Report from the Mountain State Reporter regarding red meat production, cattle on feed, poultry slaughter, chicken and eggs, and cash receipts. September 2019.

**USDA:** Charter renewing the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Technical Advisory Panel in compliance with P.L. 92–463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. September 12, 2019.

**EPA:** Charter renewing the EPA Science Advisory Board in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 2. September 12, 2019.

**USDA:** Charter renewing the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers in compliance with P.L. 92–463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. September 12, 2019.

**FCA:** Joint proposed rule by the Farm Credit Administration, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Federal Housing Finance Agency to enact regulations that implement sections 731(e) and 764(e) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act). September 19, 2019.

**USDA:** Food for Progress Report Fiscal Year 2018 in accordance with Section 1110 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (as amended by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018). September 20, 2019.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521b), a notice from the USDA Forest Service of the proposed “Tract O–920d” acquisition on the Talladega National Forest, Alabama. September 24, 2019.

**GAO:** Pursuant to section 801(a)(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code, a report on a major rule promulgated by the USDA Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) entitled “Agricultural Disaster Indemnity Programs”. September 25, 2019.

**USDA:** Report describing the executive protection provided and related expenditures in accordance with Section 12520 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 relating to the law enforcement authority granted to the Secretary (7 U.S.C. 2279(k)). September 26, 2019.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521b), a notice from the USDA Forest Service of the proposed “Mathis Tract L–134” acquisition on the Sumter National Forest, South Carolina. September 26, 2019.

**FCA:** 2018 Annual Report of the Farm Credit Administration created in accordance with section 5.17(a)(3) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended (P.L. 92–181). September 26, 2019.

**USDA:** Annual report of civil rights complaints, resolutions, and actions for Fiscal Year 2018 for USDA in accordance with the requirements of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, Section 14010. September 26, 2019.

**USDA:** 2019 Conference Transparency Report detailing all conference costs of \$50,000 or more sponsored or held by USDA or at-

tended by USDA employees during the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. September 30, 2019.

**EPA:** Charter re-establishing the Children’s Health Protection Advisory Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. October 4, 2019.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521b), a notice from the USDA Forest Service of the proposed “Knob Tract” acquisition on the George Washington-Jefferson National Forest, Virginia. October 9, 2019.

**USDA:** Report describing the status and results of activities funded under the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program pursuant to Section 2307 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115–334). October 10, 2019.

**USDA:** Letter regarding the Agricultural Marketing Service responding to a request from the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) for information regarding dairy cooperatives and independent producers, as well as proprietary milk marketing information. October 15, 2019.

**GAO:** Pursuant to section 801(a)(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code, a report on a major rule promulgated by the by the Department of Agriculture, Rural Housing Service and Rural Utilities Service. October 17, 2019.

**USDA:** Charter renewing the Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committees in compliance with P.L. 92–463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. October 17, 2019.

**EPA:** Charter renewing the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee in accordance with the provisions for the Federal Advisory Committee Act, U.S.C. App. 2. October 23, 2019.

**USDA:** Joint report on Wildfire, Insect Infestation, and Disease Prevention on Federal Land, developed by the USDA Forest Service, with input from the Department of the Interior, as required in Section 8706 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2019 (P.L. 115–1072). October 29, 2019.

**USDA:** 2018 Packers and Stockyards Division Annual Report that provides information responsive to the requirement in the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended, that each year the USDA submit an annual assessment of cattle and hog industries to Congress. October 29, 2019.

**DOI:** Estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs for September 2019 Forecasts for Fiscal Year 2020 as required by the Federal Land Assistance Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act of 2009. October 31, 2019.

**USDA:** Report to the Committee describing estimates of past and future Market Facilitation Program (MFP) payments, analysis of trade damage caused by retaliatory tariffs and non-tariff trade barriers, and accounting of commodity purchases made from foreign-owned companies. The report is accordance with Section 119 of the “Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Health Extenders Act of 2019” (P.L. 116–59). October 31, 2019.

**USDA:** U.S. International Food Assistance Report Fiscal Year 2018 as required by Section 407 of the Food for Peace Act, as amended by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. November 1, 2019.

**USDA:** Charter renewing the USDA Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers in compliance with P.L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. November 6, 2019.

**USDA:** World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates. November 8, 2019.

**GAO:** Pursuant to section 801(a)(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code, a report on a major rule promulgated by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service entitled "Establishment of a Domestic Hemp Production Program". November 12, 2019.

**DOC:** Report on the export licensing actions taken by the Bureau of Industry and Security relating to exports and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from July 1 through September 30, 2019. November 15, 2019.

**USDA:** Report pursuant to House Report 115-1072 accompanying The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-334), as directed by the Farm Bill Managers, on a study of several guaranteed lending programs of USDA Rural Development. November 21, 2019.

**USDA:** Fiscal Year 2019 Agency Financial Report prepared in accordance with the requirements of Office of Management and Budget Circular (OMB) No. A-136 "Financial Reporting Requirements," Section II "Performance and Accountability Report or Agency Financial Report." November 22, 2019.

**USDA:** Biannual report describing the number of staff years and employees of each agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) from Fiscal Year 2019 through 2023 as directed by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, P.L. 115-334, Section 12506, Report of Personnel. November 22, 2019.

**CBO:** Cost estimate for H.R. 4895, the CFTC Reauthorization Act of 2019. November 25, 2019.

**GAO:** A report on a major rule promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) entitled "Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Interim Rule". November 26, 2019.

**USDA:** Letter describing the outreach conducted for the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program prior to, and during the 2019 sign-up period, that ran from June 17 to September 27, 2019. November 26, 2019.

**USDA:** Draft of the USDA Office of Inspector General (OIG) Five-Year Strategic Mission and Diversity and Inclusion Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024. November 27, 2019.

**USDA:** Report that describes the annual disbursements and expenditures for each State and the number of organic operations served by the National Organic Certification Cost Share program. November 27, 2019.

**USDA:** Report to Congress from the Forest Service as required by Section 202 of the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2017, to establish demonstration project to provide woody biomass supply for federally recognized Indian Tribes and Alaska Native villages, or regional or village corporations. November 29, 2019.

**USDA:** Pesticide Data Program, annual summary, calendar year 2018. December 2019.

**USDA:** Semiannual Report to Congress, which covers the 6-month period from April 1, 2019, to September 30, 2019, of USDA Office of Inspector General. December 10, 2019.

**USDA:** Annual report required by Section 4008 of the Agricultural Act of 2018 on the types of incentives approved in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) under 7 U.S.C. 2018 (j)—Incentives. December 13, 2019.

**GAO:** Pursuant to section 801 (a)(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code, a report on a major rule promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service entitled “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Requirements for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents.” December 16, 2019.

**USDA:** Report on the achievements of American farmers, rancher, and foresters establishing next-generation energy feedstocks using the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP). December 18, 2019.

**USDA:** Final map and perimeter boundary description for the Sipsey Fork of the West Fork Wild and Scenic River, in Alabama, added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System by Public Law 100–547, October 28, 1988. December 19, 2019.

**USDA:** Report to Congress and the President as required by Section 10111 of the Conference Report for the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 on plant biostimulants identifying potential regulatory, non-regulatory, and legislative recommendations to ensure the efficient and appropriate review, approval, and uniform national labeling, and availability of plant biostimulant products to agricultural producers. December 20, 2019.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 12103 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 directed the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a livestock dealer statutory trust. December 20, 2019.

**EPA:** Report on behalf of an interagency working group consisting of representatives from the USDA, USDOC, USDOJ, CEQ, and the EPA identifying recommendations and implementation plans to improve the consultation process required under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for pesticide registration and registration review. December 20, 2019.

**USDA:** Report to Congress and the President from the USDA as required by Section 10111 of the Conference Report for the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 on plant biostimulants identifying potential regulatory, non-regulatory, and legislative recommendations to ensure the efficient and appropriate review, approval, and uniform national labeling, and availability of plant biostimulant products to agricultural producers. December 27, 2019.

**USDA:** Report from the Mountain State Reporter regarding red meat production, chicken and eggs, fourth quarter milk production, and annual crop production—‘December Ag Survey Results’. January 2020.

**HMR:** Report from Hardwood Market Report on Appalachian Kiln Dried Net 4/4 Fas and #1C Red Oak. January 3, 2020.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 12504 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115–334), a study on food waste prepared by the USDA’s Office of the Chief Economist and the Economic Research Service. January 7, 2020.

**USDA:** Annual report to the U.S. Congressional Committee on Agriculture as required under P.L. 115–334, the “Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018” on the efforts of the Department that describes the level of coordination between SNAP Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, and other nutrition education programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. January 9, 2020.

**USDA:** Notice from the USDA that the proposed rule “Undue and Unreasonable Preferences and Advantages Rule” will go on public inspection at the Federal Register. January 9, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on the outlook for 2019/20 U.S. wheat. January 10, 2020.

**CBO:** Financial Sequestration Report for FY 2020 from the Congressional Budget Office. January 13, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on action plans developed by the USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for high consequence plant pests and diseases as requested by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act (Farm Bill) of 2008. January 14, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on an assessment of the conservation practices data sets within the USDA that have the potential to provide insights on the effect of such practices on farm and ranch profitability, as required by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. January 16, 2020.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 1706 (f) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, Public Law 115–334, a report that describes the tilled native sod acreage subject to a reduction in benefits to the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), and Federal Crop Insurance, in each applicable county and State, for 2019. January 17, 2020.

**CBC:** 2018–2019 Annual Report from the California Blueberry Commission. January 17, 2020.

**DOC:** Report on the export licensing actions taken by BIS relating to exports and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from October 1 through December 31, 2019. January 17, 2020.

**USDA:** Report providing a description of the extent to which the requests for highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation determinations are being addressed in a timely manner; the total number of requests completed in the previous fiscal year; incomplete determinations on record; and the number of requests that are outstanding for more than one year, as required by Section 1241(c) of the “Food Security Act of 1985,” (as amended by Section 2602 of the “Agricultural Act of 2014”). January 21, 2020.

**GAO:** Report on a major rule promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) entitled “Environmental Quality Incentives Programs”. January 23, 2020.

**GAO:** Report on a major rule promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) entitled “Agricultural Conservation Easement Programs”. January 27, 2020.

**USDA:** Charter of a recently renewed Federal Advisory Committee for the USDA, National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection, in compliance with P.L. 92–463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. January 28, 2020.

**USDA:** Charter of a recently renewed Federal Advisory Committee Charter for the USDA, 1294—National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods, in compliance with P.L. 92–463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act. January 28, 2020.

**USDA:** Report from the USDA as required by the 2018 Farm Bill which provides a detailed synthesis of the industrialized hemp pilot programs and identifies lessons learned about the factors that will impact economic viability of the hemp industry as it moves towards commercial production. January 29, 2020.

**USDA:** Reports from the USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) on Tropical Storm or Hurricane Insurance, Quality Loss Option, Citrus Crop Insurance, and Hops Crop Insurance as required by the "Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018" (Farm Bill). January 29, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on the review of the programs of the USDA that affect the production or processing of specialty crops, required by Title VII, Section 7610 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. January 30, 2020.

**USDA:** Report which provides a detailed synthesis of the pilot programs and identifies lessons learned about the factors that will impact economic viability of the hemp industry as it moves towards commercial production, as ordered by the 2018 Farm Bill. January 30, 2020.

**USDA:** Annual report with respect to the efforts of the Department to reduce barriers to food access, as required by Public Law 115–334, Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. January 31, 2020.

**USDA:** Annual report which provides an Evaluation of SNAP Employment and Training Pilots: FY 2019, as required by section 4022 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79). January 31, 2020.

**USDA:** USDA Science Blueprint intended to guide USDA's science priorities for the next 5 years. February 5, 2020.

**USDA:** Report describing the status of watershed rehabilitation activities as required by the "Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954," (Public Law 83–566), as amended. February 5, 2020.

**CBO:** Expired and Expiring Authorizations of Appropriations for FY 2020. February 5, 2020.

**FCA:** Semiannual report summarizing the activities and accomplishments of the FCA Office of Inspector General for April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019. February 6, 2020.

**EPA:** Charter renewing the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. February 7, 2020.

**AAVLD:** A letter from the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians regarding the 2018 Farm Bill Section 12101. February 7, 2020.

**USDA:** Annual Plan for FY 2020 describing how OIG will accomplish its mission of promoting economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity in the delivery of USDA programs throughout the fiscal year. February 7, 2020.

**FCA:** Report of the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) FY 2019 FISMA Report in compliance with OMB M–20–04, "FY 2019–2020

Guidance on Federal Information Security and Privacy Management Requirements,” dated November 19, 2019. February 10, 2020.

**OMB:** Budget for America’s Future, Major Savings and Reforms FY 2021. February 10, 2020.

**USDA:** World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates. February 11, 2020.

**USDT:** Quarterly report discussing activities undertaken by the Department of Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control in the administration of the one-year licensing regime set forth in 906(a)(1) of the Act with respect to the exportation of agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical devices to Iran and Sudan. February 12, 2020.

**FCA:** Final rule which implements inflation adjustments to civil money penalties (CMPs) that the Farm Credit Administration (FCA) may impose or enforce pursuant to the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended (Farm Credit Act), and pursuant to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended by the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, and further amended by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (Biggert-Waters Act) (collectively FDPA, amended). February 12, 2020.

**FCA:** Proposed amendments to title 12, chapter VI of the Code of Federal Regulations as promulgated by the Farm Credit Administration (FCA). February 12, 2020.

**USFS:** A letter providing notice of the proposed “Mainspring Conservation Trust, Inc., N-1193” acquisition on the Nantahala National Forests, Nantahala Ranger District, as required by Section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521b). February 20, 2020.

**USDOS:** Report on efforts by Mexico to meet its treaty deliveries of water to the Rio Grande in accordance with the Treaty between the United States and Mexico Respecting Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande. February 21, 2020.

**USDA:** In compliance with P.L. 92-463, a copy of a recently approved Committee Charter for the Recreation Resource Advisory Committees (Recreation RACs) for Eastern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee; Southern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee; Pacific Southwest Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee; and Pacific Northwest Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee. February 21, 2020.

**USDA:** Reports from the USDA’s Chief Information Officer, Senior Agency Official for Privacy, and Officer of the Inspector General FY 2019 Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) detailing the progress made implementing FISMA and cybersecurity requirements during FY 2019. February 24, 2020.

**FCA:** Annual report summarizing many of the Farm Credit Administration’s advancements in incorporating equal employment opportunity in the performance of its mission to serve U.S. agriculture and rural America during the 2019 Fiscal Year, as required under the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act). February 26, 2020.

**FCSIC:** Annual report demonstrating the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation’s commitment to equal employment opportunity while fulfilling its mission to insure the timely payment of

principal and interest on Systemwide and consolidated bond and obligations issued by the Farm Credit System banks under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 during Fiscal Year 2019, as required under the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation of 2002 (No FEAR Act). February 26, 2020.

**USDA:** Report describing the administration and status of the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), as reauthorized by the "Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018" (P.L. 115-334). February 26, 2020.

**USDA:** Report describing the status of steps taken to carry out the duties of the National Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coalition, as required by Section 12304 of the "Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018" (P.L. 115-334). February 26, 2020.

**GAO:** Report on a major rule promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) entitled "Regional Conservation Partnership Program". February 26, 2020.

**USDA, FCC, NTIA:** Joint report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Federal Communications Commission, and National Telecommunications and Information Administration outlining the individual and collective efforts of the three agencies in bringing broadband to rural areas. February 26, 2020.

**USDA:** Report from the Mountain State Reporter regarding red meat production, trout production, annual chicken and egg production, and crop values. March 2020.

**USDA:** In compliance with P.L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, a copy of the recently renewed Federal Advisory Committee Charter for the United States Department of Agriculture: Land Between the Lakes Advisory Board. March 5, 2020

**Western States Water Council:** Resolution regarding the Rural Water and Waste Water Project/Infrastructure Needs and U.S. Department of Agriculture Programs. March 6, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on the global effort to reduce child hunger and increase school attendance, as directed by Section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, as amended by the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. March 6, 2020.

**USAID:** Report on implementation of the U.S. Government Global Food-Security Strategy, pursuant to Section 8(a) of Public Law 114-195, the Global Food Security Act of 2016, and Public Law 115-266, the Global Food Security Reauthorization Act of 2017. March 6, 2020.

**USDA:** In compliance with P.L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, a copy of a recently renewed Federal Advisory Committee Charter for the United States Department of Agriculture: Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council. March 10, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on Domestic and Overseas Investigations and Compliance Actions; Organic Trade Enforcement Interagency Coordination; and Enforcement Actions Taken on Organic Imports, as required by Section 10104 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. March 16, 2020.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 1212(a)(4)(e)(2) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-198) as amended, the number of pro-



ducers granted the tenant highly erodible lands conservation compliance (HELIC) exemption, for crop year 2019. March 17, 2020.

**USDA:** The 2019 Equitable Relief Report, as required by Section 1613 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the 2002 Farm Bill). March 30, 2020.

**EPA:** Charter renewing the Environmental Financial Advisory Board in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. April 17, 2020.

**CBO:** Estimate for H.R. 266, the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, as passed by the Senate on April 21, 2020. April 22, 2020.

**USDOC:** Report on certain activities undertaken by the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) relating to exports and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from January 1 through March 31, 2020, as required by Section 906 of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TSRA). April 27, 2020.

**CFTC:** In accordance with Sections 9(c) and 14 (b)(1) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. II, the renewal charter for the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission's Market Risk Advisory Committee (MRAC). April 29, 2020.

**EPA:** Charter renewing the US Environmental Protection Agency Board of Scientific Counselors in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. May 8, 2020.

**USDA:** Annual report titled "The Status of Organic Production and Market Data Activities", as required by Section 10103 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. May 19, 2020.

**Permitting Council:** Annual report for Fiscal Year 2019 prepared by the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC). May 21, 2020.

**USDA:** Report from the Risk Management Agency regarding the Department of Agriculture's Annual Report Regarding Progress Made in Developing and Improving Federal Crop Insurance for Organic Crops, as required by Section 11023 of the Agricultural Act of 2014. June 2020.

**GAO:** Report on a major rule promulgated by the Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of the Secretary entitled "Coronavirus Food Assistance Program" (RIN: 0503-AA65). June 3, 2020.

**USDA OIG:** Report titled "FAV-APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine Preclearance Offshore Program". June 9, 2020.

**USDA:** Pursuant to section 5(d) of the National Trails System Act (NTSA, 16 U.S.C. 1244(d)), a notification of the Department's inability to constitute the membership of an advisory council for the Arizona National Scenic Trail under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) due to the lack of adequate public interest. June 15, 2020.

**GAO:** Report on a major rule promulgated by the Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business—Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service entitled "Guaranteed Loanmaking and Servicing Regulations" (RIN: 0570-AB07). June 18, 2020

**Oregon Cattlemen's Association:** Letter outlining changes needed to the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Program (LMR). (undated)

**EPA:** Charter renewing the Good Neighbor Environmental Board in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. June 19, 2020.

**EPA:** Charter renewing the National Advisory Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. June 19, 2020.

**EPA:** Charter renewing the Governmental Advisory Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. June 19, 2020.

**USDA OIG:** Report on “Rural Utilities Service Financial Management of Section 313A Guarantees for Bonds and Notes”. June 23, 2020.

**USDA:** Biannual report describing the number of staff years and employees of each agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture from FY 2019 through 2023, as directed by the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, P.L. 115–334, Section 12506 Report on Personnel. June 24, 2020.

**EPA:** Progress report to Congress on Improving the Consultation Process Required Under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act for Pesticide Registration and Registration Review, as required by section 3(c)(11)(D)(i) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136a(c)(11)(D)(i)), as amended by section 10115 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018.

**USDA:** Report on the USDA Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement (USDA LRP) Program, in accordance with Section 3206 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, as amended by Section 3311 of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. June 26, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs Restaurant Meals Program, as required by Section 4014 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm Bill). June 29, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on (a) whether the average feed cost used by a dairy operation to produce a hundredweight of milk (as calculated by USDA monthly) is representative of actual dairy feed costs; and (b) the costs incurred by dairy operations in the use of corn silage as feed and the difference between the feed cost of corn silage and the feed cost of corn, as required by Sections 1401(a) and (b) of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. July 6, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on beginning farmer training for veterans and agricultural vocational and rehabilitation programs for veterans, as required by Section 12402(f) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 114–334). July 7, 2020.

**FCSIC:** In accordance with section 5.64 of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended, the annual report for calendar year 2019. July 13, 2020.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 2307(c) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–334), a report describing the status and activities of the new Soil Health Demonstration Trial (SHD), a component of the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program’s new On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials. July 28, 2020.

**USDOC:** Report on certain activities undertaken by BIS relating to exports and reexports of agricultural commodities to Cuba from April 1 through June 30, 2020, as required by Section 906 of the

Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (TRSA), codified at 22 U.S.C. §§ 7201–7211. July 30, 2020.

**Data for Progress, *et al.*:** Report on “The Case for Comprehensive Marijuana Reform: Policies & Public Opinion”. August 2020.

**FAPRI-MU:** Baseline Updates for U.S. Agricultural Markets. August 2020.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521B), the proposed French Broad River-Buffalo Rock acquisition on the Cherokee National Forest, Tennessee. August 6, 2020.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521b), the proposed Roan Mountain Gateway acquisition on the Pisgah National Forest, North Carolina. August 6, 2020.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521b), the proposed Long Arm Mountain acquisition of the Pisgah National Forest, North Carolina. August 7, 2020.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521b), the proposed Flat Spring Ridge acquisition on the Cherokee National Forest, Tennessee. August 7, 2020.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521b), the proposed acquisition on the Ouachita National Forest. August 7, 2020.

**USDA:** A report providing an update regarding progress made since enactment of the 2014 Farm Bill and includes description of all acres designated, and projects treated, under the authority, as required by Section 8204 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill). August 10, 2020.

**USDA:** Report titled “Broadband Projects and Service: Extent of participation in the broadband assistance programs administered by the Secretary for FY 2019”; Section 6207 of the Farm Bill delineates the information requested on rural broadband programs administered by USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS). August 13, 2020.

**EPA:** Charter renewing the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. August 19, 2020.

**FAPRI-MU:** Baseline Updates for U.S. Farm Income and the Farm Balance Sheet. September 2020.

**Decision Innovation Solutions:** 2020 Economic Contribution Study of Minnesota Agriculture and Forestry. September 2020.

**USDA:** Report on the Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program. September 2020.

**USDA:** Report on the Livestock Indemnity Program. September 2020.

**USDA:** Report on USDA Management Challenges. September 2020.

**USDA:** Report on the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s 2020 Compliance with the Geospatial Data Act. September 2020.

**USDA:** Report on USDA Coronavirus Disease 2019 Funding. September 2020.

**USDA:** In accordance with Section 12611 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, the 2020 Conference Transparency Report (CTR). September 15, 2020.

**USDA:** Update on USDA Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Service (FNCS) implementation of a provision of H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116–127), specifically section 2202(a). September 18, 2020.

**USDA:** In accordance with Section 203 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978, as amended by the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, the 2019 report on factors that affect the export of specialty crops. September 22, 2020.

**Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research:** In accordance with requirements in the 2018 Farm Bill, a notification of updates to the Stakeholder Notice. September 30, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on the Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2021. October 2020.

**USDA:** U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Fiscal Year 2020 Federal Information Security Modernization Act. October 2020.

**USTR & USDA:** Interim Report on the Economic and Trade Agreement between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China: Agricultural Trade. October 2020.

**USDA FS:** Pursuant to section 17(b) of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 521b), the proposed The Conservation Fund Tract C–121j acquisition on the Conecuh National Forest, Alabama. October 1, 2020.

**USDA:** In accordance with the requirements of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, the annual report on civil rights complaints, resolutions, and actions for Fiscal Year 2019. October 3, 2020.

**EPA:** Charter renewing the Federal Insecticide Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. October 16, 2020.

**USDA:** Report describing the effects of absent landlords on the long-term economic health of agricultural production, as required by Section 12507 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115–334). October 20, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on the global effort to reduce child hunger and increase school attendance, as directed by Section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, as amended by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. October 20, 2020.

**USDA:** Packers and Stockyards Division Annual Report 2019: Protecting fair trade practices, financial integrity, and competitive markets for livestock, meat, and poultry. October 21, 2020.

**USDA:** Report that describes the annual disbursements and expenditures for each state and the number of organic operations served by the National Organic Certification Cost Share Program. October 30, 2020.

**USDA:** Report describing the allocations made to, and matching funds received by, 1890 Institutions and 1862 Institutions, as directed by Section 7116 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. October 30, 2020.

**USDA:** Independent Service Auditor's Report on the National Finance Center's Description of its Payroll and Personnel System and the Suitability of the Design and Operating Effectiveness of its Controls for October 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. November 2020.

**USDA:** Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress Second Half April 1, 2020–September 30, 2020. November 2020.

**USDA:** Rural Development's Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2019. November 2020.

**CRS:** Memorandum on the Early Origins of the Commodity Credit Corporation. November 3, 2020.

**EPA:** Charter renewing the National Environmental Education Advisory Council in accordance with the provision of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2. November 6, 2020.

**FCA:** Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2020. November 16, 2020.

**USDA:** As required by Section 407 of the Food for Peace Act, as amended by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, the U.S. International Food Assistance Report FY 2019. November 17, 2020.

**USDA:** Pursuant to Section 1242(h)(4) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115–334), a report describing the administrative process developed to expedite the development and revision of conservation practice standards, those conservation practice standards that were established or revised under that process, and any conservation innovations that were considered under that process. November 18, 2020.

**SEC:** Current report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. November 18, 2020.

**EPA:** Charter renewing the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2. November 19, 2020.

**FCA:** Semiannual Report to Congress, April 1 2020 to September 30, 2020. November 19, 2020.

**EPA:** A draft proposed rule, entitled “Pesticide Product Performance Data Requirements for Products Claiming Efficacy Against Certain Invertebrate Pests.” November 24, 2020.

**USAID:** U.S. Agency for International Development Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress for the period ending October 31, 2020. November 25, 2020.

**CFTC:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission Agency Financial Report for FY 2020. November 30, 2020.

**USDA OIG:** Federal Crop Insurance Corporations/Risk Management Agency's financial statements for fiscal years ending September 30, 2020 and 2019. December 2020.

**USDA OIG:** Research Integrity and Capacity. December 2020.

**USDA OIG:** Forest Service Grant for Roadless Area Management in the State of Alaska. December 2020.

**USDA:** Letter providing an update on plans to move the Clackamas County Service Center in Oregon City, Oregon to a new location in rural, Eastern Clackamas County, Oregon. December 1, 2020.

**USDA:** Fiscal Year 2020 Agency Financial Report, in accordance with the requirements of OMB No. A–136 “Financial Reporting Re-

quirements,” Section II “Performance and Accountability Report or Agency Financial Report.” December 8, 2020.

**CFTC:** Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the period from April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. December 8, 2020.

**Nuclear Regulatory Commission:** Response to Chairman Peterson’s November 25, 2020 letter requesting a full accounting of political appointees who have been hired into career positions during the current Administration or who are being considered for conversion into such positions, as well as information about any positions converted, or being considered for conversion, under Executive Order 13957, “Executive Order on Creating Schedule F in the Expected Service.” December 8, 2020.

**USDA:** Updated on plans to establish a Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office in Mariposa, California. December 9, 2020.

**EPA:** Charter renewing the National Drinking Water Advisory Council in accordance with the provisions of Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. December 9, 2020.

**USDA:** As required by Section 1241(c) of the Food Security Act of 1985, a report on Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Determinations Prepared by the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, Fiscal Year 2020. December 11, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on the tilled native sod acreage subject to a reduction in benefits to the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and the Federal Crop Insurance Program for 2020, as required by Section 1706 (f) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. December 14, 2020.

**EPA:** Charter renewing the Great Lakes Advisory Board in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. December 15, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on 2020 Conservation Stewardship Program Activity Payment Rates, as required by Section 2308 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. December 15, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on the action plans developed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for high consequences plant pests and diseases, as requested by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act (Farm Bill) of 2008. December 17, 2020.

**USDA:** Report from the Risk Management Agency (RMA) on the Feasibility of Greenhouse Policy; Batture Land; and the Feasibility of Insuring Local Foods, as required by the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018. December 18, 2020.

**USDA:** Biennial report on the status of Healthy Fluid Milk Incentives (HFMI) projects, as required by Section 4208 of the Agriculture Improvement Act. December 21, 2020.

**USDA:** Report on Inclusion of Tribal Agriculture and Food Products in Trade Related Activities, as required by Section 3312 of the Agriculture Improvement Act. December 21, 2020.

#### C. MEMORIALS

**Memorial No. 9.** The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, relative to House Resolution No. 105, urging Congress to enact legis-

lation granting the United States Department of Agriculture jurisdiction over labeling requirements for imitation meat products; to the Committee on Agriculture. Submitted March 21, 2019. April 4, 2019.

**Memorial No. 18.** Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to Senate Concurrent Memorial 1002, urging the United States Congress to provide full, timely and sustainable long-term funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program; jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture. April 8, 2019.

**Memorial No. 19.** The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 191, urging the United States Congress to expand Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility requirements for students enrolled in college and other institutions of higher education; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

**Memorial No. 45.** Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to Senate Joint Memorial No. 106, urging the President of the United States and Congress to take such action as necessary to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to recognize valid easements existing pursuant to the 1866 Mining Act on lands under their respective administrations without requiring citizens of the United States to sue the government in order to enjoy the benefits of such validly existing easement rights; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture. Submitted May 7, 2019.

**Memorial No. 68.** Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to House Concurrent Memorial 2004, urging the United States Congress to take steps to require that any new Federal areas designated within the State of Arizona not include any water right that prevents the State of Arizona from comprehensively managing its water resources; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture. Submitted June 5, 2019.

**Memorial No. 69.** Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to House Concurrent Memorial 2002, urging the United States Congress to appropriate monies to the State of Arizona to eradicate salt cedars from Arizona waterways; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture. Submitted June 5, 2019.

**Memorial No. 88.** Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Hawaii, relative to Senate Resolution No. 98, engaging, endorsing, accepting, and adopting the New York declaration on forests to achieve the United Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development; jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture. Submitted June 28, 2019. Submitted June 5, 2019.

**Memorial No. 93.** Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Oregon, relative to House Joint Memorial 1, respectfully urging the Congress of the United States to pass, and the President to sign, the Forest Management for Rural Stability Act before the close of the Federal Fiscal Year 2019; which was referred joint-

ly to the Committees on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Education and Labor. Submitted July 9, 2019.

**Memorial No. 99.** Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Montana, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 16, urging the Congress to recognize the importance and need for country-of-origin labeling on beef and pork products; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Submitted July 16, 2019.

**Memorial No. 110.** Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of New Jersey, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 73, respectfully urging the Congress of the United States to pass the “Military Hunger Prevention Act”; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Agriculture. Submitted July 17, 2019.

**Memorial No. 200.** Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 125, urging the Congress and the President of the United States to eliminate funding disparities among land-grant institutions of higher education; jointly to the Committees on Education and Labor and Agriculture. Submitted September 15, 2020.

**Memorial No. ML-218.**<sup>4</sup> The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 24, memorializing the Congress and the Louisiana congressional delegation to take such actions as are necessary to fully fund the Livestock Indemnity Program in response to the negative impact created by losses to the Louisiana livestock industry as a result of Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta; to the Committee on Agriculture. Submitted December 9, 2020.

#### D. PETITIONS

**Petition No. 30.** Also, a petition of the Senate of Puerto Rico, relative to Senate Resolution No. 1084, requesting the United States Congress to pass H.R. 2360 which seeks to establish a Renewable Energy Grant Program within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purpose of promoting renewable energy in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands for the United States of America; jointly to the Committees on Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, and Science, Space, and Technology. Submitted June 11, 2019.

**Petition No. 54.** Also, a petition of Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, relative to Resolution 19.081, urging The President of the United States and the Congress to oppose the Green New Deal, or any substantively similar legislation, and support allowing states to continue to develop their own energy policies; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Science, Space, and Technology, Education and Labor, Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, the Judiciary, Ways and Means, and Oversight and Reform. Submitted October 8, 2019.

**Petition No. 72.** The SPEAKER presented a petition of House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, relative to House Joint Resolution 21-6, to request the Hon-

<sup>4</sup>The *Congressional Record* began adding the identifier “ML-” to Memorials beginning November 24, 2020.



orable GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN to introduce an amendment to Sect. 12616 from the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (U.S. Public Law 115–334) to exempt the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from the provisions that ban cock-fighting activities; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Agriculture, the Judiciary, and Oversight and Reform. Submitted December 16, 2019.

**Petition No. 89.** The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, relative to Joint Resolution No. 126, urging the Congress of the United States of America to enact legislation providing for a five (5)-year transition period to enforce the provisions of the Farm Bill through which the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) is applied to Puerto Rico banning any type of animal fighting venture, including cockfights; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Submitted March 11, 2020.

**Petition No. 138.** Also, a petition of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, relative to Resolution 20.071, urging the United Congress to Adopt Legislation to Stimulate the National Economy and Promote Energy Independence by Plugging Orphan Wells; Transportation and Infrastructure, and Natural Resources.; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Natural Resources. Submitted September 30, 2020.

**Petition No. 139.**<sup>5</sup> Also, a petition of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, relative to Resolution 20.073, urging the United States Congress to Adopt Legislation To Stimulate the National Economy and Promote Energy Independence By Investing in Carbon Capture, Use, and Storage; Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure. Submitted September 30, 2020.




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<sup>5</sup>The *Congressional Record* began adding the identifier “PT–” to Petitions beginning October 16, 2020.